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Verizon Making a Play For Fiber-Optic Service In the Princetons

Franchise agreements between cable providers and municipalities all over the state have long dictated the service offered to a cable subscriber. In Princeton Borough and Township, which currently have such an arrangement with the Franklin Township-based Patriot Media, that agreement was implemented when the two municipalities moved to Patriot after RCN Corp. could not meet its infrastructural agreements.

Now another player appears to be entering the field as Verizon has begun courting the Princetons, and the state, for the right to offer a fiber optic-based service.

Appearing before Borough Council June 6 and on June 12 before Township Committee, Verizon representatives made their case to offer the municipalities a choice in service that, the representatives said, would result in a markdown of prices due to a competitive landscape.

Verizon is also lobbying the New Jersey Legislature to enact laws allowing statewide cable franchises, rather than working per municipal contracts. The legislation already passed both the Senate and Assembly, and is subject to a June 19 vote, again before the Senate, after an amendment was put forth.

The state approval, however, is, according to Gwen Cogan, franchise

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206 Roundabout Option Hits the Web

Residents and local and state officials were offered an encouraging, web-enhanced display last Thursday concerning the viability of installing a series of traffic-calming roundabouts along a stretch of Route 206 that, residents say, has suffered significantly from increased truck traffic, noise pollution, and cars traveling at speeds unsafe for typical residential neighborhoods.

The stretch in question, which runs from Cherry Valley Road at the Montgomery Township border to Nassau Street in Princeton Borough, has undergone an extended examination since the the Township secured a $100,000 grant from the state's Department of Transportation to explore improvement options. Sought by a group of residents under the auspices of Citizens for a Safer Route 206, the grant is specifically geared to examine methods of context-sensitive design, as well-as roundabouts similar to the one installed on Faculty Road to ease traffic flowing in and out of a major Princeton University parking hub,

Used frequently in Europe as a means of calming traffic, roundabouts only began to be employed in the U.S. in the last decade and are usually considered for their low maintenance costs, their handling of changes in directional volume, and their ability to slow traffic, even on high speed roads. The benefits, as well as potential pitfalls, of a roundabout system were highlighted Thursday at Township Hall when Nazir Lalani, a deputy director with the Ventura County Transportation Department in California hosted a "Webinar" that underlined the advantages and disadvantages of creating a road infrastructure regulated by roundabouts.

Mr. Lalani's presentation echoed that of Ian Lockwood, a consultant with the Orlando-based planning firm Glatting Jackson, which conductod preliminary design presentations before standing-room-only audiences at Township Hall between November and January. In those talks, Mr. Lockwood said that while many ot the problems associated with Route 206 are regional, some can be addressed locally by using standard traffic-calming methods such as increased tree plantings, an increased road network that does not funnel all cars to one main artery, and, lastly, by creating roundabouts.

Mr. Lockwood's tirm is currently planning a roundabout for the intersection of Routes 518 and 29 in Lambertville.

In the Webinar, Mr. Lalani also addressod some of the disadvantages of roundabouts, worrying that there are many ways to "get it wrong" in the design process, which consequontly can become complicated. He also warned that very high volume roundabouts can be more difficult tor cyclists and pedestrians to navigate.

Proper signing, he added, was essential as cars can go the wrong way

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As Borough Views Property Transfer, Development Delays Could End

Borough Council postponed a public discussion last woek that would have addressed an ownership transfer in Witherspoon House—"Building A"—of the Borough's downtown redevelopment project.

The transfer would see ownership move from developer Nassau HKT Urban Renewal Associates, LLC (NHKT), to Witherspoon Urban Renewal Associates, LLC—both groups have tho same principals, Jack Morrison, owner of Witherspoon Grill, located in Witherspoon House, and Robert Powell, NHKT principal.

The move is fairly standard: ownership transfer would result in permanont financing at lowered interest rates, resulting in a financially viable Borough building owner. However, Mr. Powell and Mr. Morrison are asking the Borough's permission to amend the dovoloper's agreement to allow an early ownership transfer of Witherspoon House Currently, the developer's agreement stipulates that the properties cannot change hands without the entiro first phase of the project being completod, and, as the plaza and garage, whose leaky basement floor, has delayed the entire project, an amendment is

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GO!: They're off and running in the 10K race at Saturday's Fete. The eventual overall winner, Brian Gould, is in the center of the pack. He's number 1488 (if you have a magnifying glass handy). Full story on page 42.

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Jazams Readies Birthday With Hulfish Block Party

Jazams, the toy store that has enjoyed a seven-year residency on Hulfish Street in Princeton Borough, is gearing up for its 10th anniversary celebration with its fourth annual block party, set to take place this Friday, June 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The festivities will end with a showing of the movie, Babe, at sundown (around 8:30 p.m.) on the lawn in front of the Nassau Inn. For Joanne Farrago, owner of Jazams, the fact that the store is celebrating its 10th year is proof positive that holding an event that celebrates the community can also help sustain local businesses. "I'm a big believer in getting everyone involved in the community rather than it be all about me. You'll never be successful if you don't include everyone," she said.

The first and third block parties in 2003 and 2005, respectively, featured a Harry Potter theme. The second block party, as is the case with this year's event, was simply a community event that celebrated "fun and a kick-off for the summer," Ms. Farrago said.

Unlike past years, however, merchants from other towns will not be featured, rather, the block party will consist exclusively of Princeton businesses. "Everybody gets to do what they want," Ms. Farrago said. The Bent Spoon is planning on selling cupcakes, the Original Soup Man will do what he does best, Mediterra will hold an open grill, Kitchen Kapers will host a spelling bee, Winberies will serve beer and wine, and there will be a deejay — just to name a few of the events.

Jazams will host a number of carnival-type events, including a ring toss, a giant floating duck, a life-sized chessboard, and a large sidewalk mural. "It's just a big party and it's just fun," Ms. Farrago said. Jazams first opened off Route 206 in Montgomery on June 1, 1996 and subsequently moved that store to 15 Hulfish Street seven years ago. And despite having endured "a lot of rocky roads" during that time, Ms. Farrago now has a sister location in Pennington. Other participants in the block party include Amy Karyn, the Cranbury Station Gallery, Thomas Sweet, Pawtisserie, and the Edible Garden at the Community Park School.

Topics In Brief
A Community Bulletin

The **Regional Planning Board of Princeton** will examine an application to build 100 residential units on an undeveloped piece of Palmer Square along Paul Robeson Place. The review will take place at Township Hall at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The development proposal, submitted by applicant Palmer Properties LLC, was viewed favorably last month by a Planning Board advisory wing, but several conditions, including those related to parking, are to be addressed by the full Planning Board. The Palmer Square plans were shown in January 2005 at a concept hearing where the project was well received by Planning Board members.

Members of **Princeton Borough Council** were scheduled Tuesday to cast a final vote on the $22.9 million 2006 municipal budget. The vote was scheduled after Town Topics press time. At a June 6 hearing, Council deferred a final vote to this week as various amendments were introduced to the budget including: an additional $45,000 for the Princeton Public Library; an additional $19,028 for Corner House; and $13,325.61 for the Borough's Drunk Driving Enforcement Fund. The Borough will primarily offset the increases by a reduction of health benefits and increase in grant receipts. If approved, the budget will increase five cents, from 89 cents to 94 cents per $100 assessed property value.

Juan Melli, founder of BlueJersey.com, a New Jersey political Weblog, will address the **Princeton Community Democratic Organization** this Sunday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Suzanne Patterson Center to discuss his favorite political Web sites, explain how to use RSS, give hints on which sites are the most useful, and answer questions about logging in, passwords, diaries, other aspects of blogging, and online activism.

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RECOVERING THE RECENT PAST: From left: History enthusiasts John Davidson, Jr., Tina Clement, and Jim Firestone examine the photograph of a class in the old Mt. Lucas Road school house that Mr. Donaldson brought to a meeting in the Princeton Room at the Princeton Public Library on Monday night. Mr. Donaldson, who is 82, was among 13 people attending. He shared a wealth of reminiscences. "This sort of participation is invaluable for our purposes of filling in the gaps in the recent history of the area," said Mr. Firestone, who is leading sessions on the topic. (Photo by Linda Ambrosini)

Princeton History Enthusiasts Share Images and Memories of Mount Lucas

Though born in the Borough and a resident there now, Jim Firestone's earliest memories are of the area of Mt. Lucas Road where his family moved in 1945 when he was about two years old. His mother still lives there, at age 84. Mr. Firestone, who is planning to write a history of the area, led the first of three Monday evening sessions exploring the history of Mt. Lucas at the Princeton Public Library on Monday, June 12. Another set of three sessions, on Wednesday mornings, starts today, June 14, at 9 a.m.

As a poet interested in place, Mr. Firestone was intrigued by the name Mt. Lucas. He discovered that it originated with Annis Stockton, wife of Richard Stockton, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Also a poet, Ms. Stockton thought Mt. Lucas was the prettiest place in the area.

In correspondence with her husband written when he was traveling in England, Annis Stockton used the pen name "Amelia" to his "Lucius." This is where the Lucas association came from, suggested Mr. Firestone, who hopes to enlist local residents in the effort to recover the area's recent history.

"The early timbers for houses in the town came from this area," he said, "as did the ballast for the first Princeton streets. The clay for Jugtown had its origins there too."

The library meetings are intended to expand knowledge of the area's history by drawing upon the memories of those who live or have lived thereabouts.

Don't worry if you miss the first couple of sessions. Others will follow at 6 p.m. on Mondays, July 10 and August 14, and again at 9 a.m. on Wednesdays, July 12 and August 16.

Early History

Mount Lucas Road is as old as the recorded history of Princeton, which began in the late 17th century. Originally created by the native people, the Lenni Lenape, it was a trail used by the first European travelers on their way across New Jersey. Along with present day Nassau and Stockton streets, it is one of the few such paths still in use.

Two early travelers, Major E. M. Woodward and John F. Hageman, described the area as "a most beautiful and picturesque place," in their 1883 *History of Burlington and Mercer Counties*. They wrote: "Its grand view is north of the mountain, and embraces all the valley between the Millstone River and Sourland Mountain northward as far as the eye can see, and westward up through Blawenburg. It exhibits to view the whole township of Montgomery, presenting a landscape of green farms dotted with white farmhouses and church-spires rising from the villages of Harlingen, Blawenburg, Rocky Hill, and Griggstown, with here and there little patches of timberland reserved to indicate what heavy forests covered the whole area a century and more ago."

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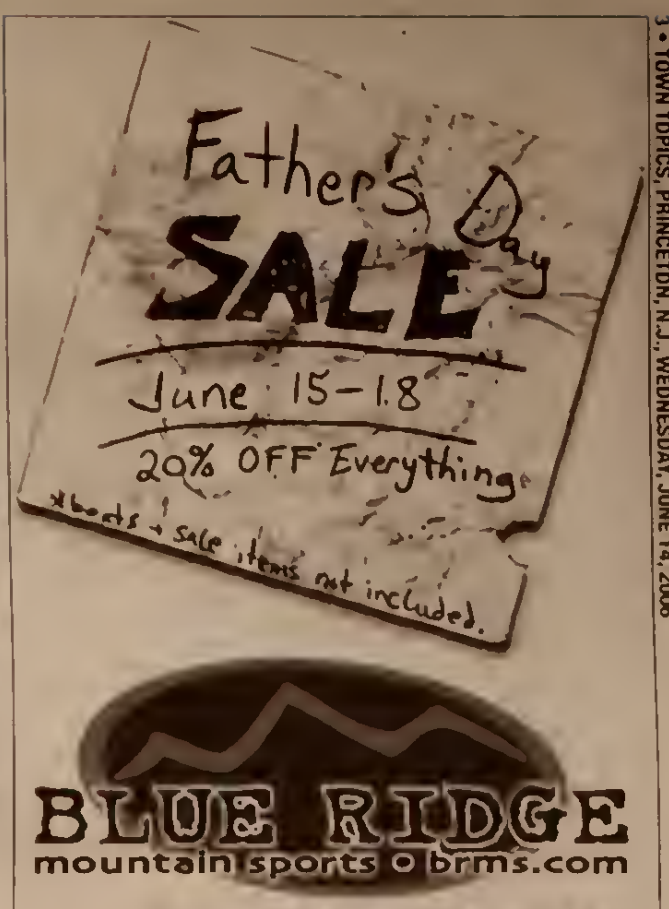

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talking about was seen from the corner of Poor Farm Road, said Mr. Firestone. "But remember that in Hageman's day, there were no trees to hinder the view of the farmlands."

Mr. Hageman's home still stands on the corner of Library Place and Mercer Street. According to Mr. Firestone, it is a good place to see Mt. Lucas stone. The green house is easily identifiable by the girdle of boulders that originated on the mountain.

Recent History

While he is interested in the early history of the road, Mr. Firestone intends to focus on the period from 1920 to the present. Those attending are encouraged to share memories of living on or near Mount Lucas Road and to bring photographs and other memorabilia.

"We are especially interested in the last eighty years," said Mr. Firestone who has been working on the project for about a year now.

At the first meeting on Monday night, Mr. Firestone was delighted to receive contributions from John Davidson, Jr. who has lived in Princeton all of his 82 years. Now residing on Franklin Avenue, he once lived on Greenview Avenue and in Jugtown, and grew up on Mt. Lucas. On Monday, Mr. Donaldson, who was a Princeton mailman for 36 years, provided much-valued reminiscences. His father, he said, came here as a stonemason from Scotland to work on the University and rented a home on Greenview in 1911. Mr. Donaldson recalled many of those who worked with his father and described the days when Princeton boasted five dairies and several stables. He remembered the many farms that dotted the area, as well as hunting cabins, and residents such as Doc Jane and Joe Waggs. As a child he had a toy made by the convicts who built Route 206, he said.

Characters from the area who were mentioned, and details of whose lives Mr. Firestone hopes to capture, include the farmers of Herringtown (yes, the name originally had to do with fish); Krigor Kirkjian, the Armenian/American who was Princeton's first Cadillac dealer and who built the third plantation home on Mt. Lucas Road in 1905; Tom Fox, a milkman who was described as the mountain's first African American resident; and Mary Watts, whose shop sold everything from pecan pies to fly swats, bear traps, and hunting licenses to sodas and children's toys. Ms. Watts, singlehandedly ran the store in a little red building on what is now Route 206 for more than fifty years. It was said that her husband went hunting in a Cadillac.

"These personal stories and photographs are exactly what we are hoping for," said Mr. Firestone. "This is the color of Mt. Lucas, and it is beautiful. The mountain has given so much to the town of Princeton. I'd like to give it the history it deserves."

In addition to the contributions that he hopes to glean from participants like Mr. Davidson and others, Mr. Firestone is examining sources such as old telephone books, copies of the Princeton Recollector, and tax records. He hopes to make maps showing who lived where and when.

A student of philosophy and geology at Bucknell University who received a good grounding in geography in 5th grade at the Valley Road School and later studied the subject at Columbia University, Mr. Firestone said that his studies stand him in good stead with some of the questions that arise concerning the abundance of boulders on Mt. Lucas and their origin.

Topics that he hopes to shed light on are, among others: the role of Mt. Lucas Road before, during and after the Revolution; the legend of Mansgrove and other plantations along the ridge; the connection of the area with John Witherspoon (who, Mr. Firestone contends, may have been promised land on Mt. Lucas as an enticement for him to leave his native Scotland); the rural nature of Mt. Lucas during the period when railroad and canal changed the direction of the development of Princeton.

Places to be researched include the 1842 orphanage/poor house, the school house of 1838-74, Campbell Farm, Catalpa Farm (where the Princeton Shopping Center now stands), and the Mt. Lucas school house.

"I am also hoping that someone will collect some Mt. Lucas clay and recreate the jugs of Jugtown," he said.

If you are interested in contributing to the Mt. Lucas history project, Mr. Firestone and Special Collections Librarian Terri Nelson ask that you come to one of the meetings. For those who lived in the area, it would be most helpful to have a brief description that includes details of when and why your family moved there, dates, occupations, names of neighbors and stores, and reminiscences of picnics and community gatherings. Mr. Firestone encourages residents to bring along photographs of home, family, kids going to school, and street scenes. Questions are encouraged, too.

Besides this effort with respect to Mt. Lucas, Ms. Nelson said that she would encourage anyone who wants to engage in a history of the Princeton area. "For a town that began in the 1680s, we have precious little," she said. "If anyone has photographs, we would welcome that they share them with us."

Admission to the meetings held in library's second floor Princeton Room is free. For more information, call (609) 924-9529, or view www.princetonlibrary.org.

—Linda Arntzenius

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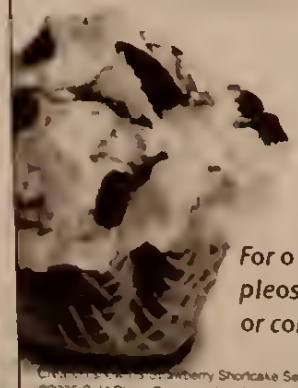

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Ordinance Curbs Denser Development For 'Transition Area' On Princeton Ridge

Stemming from the prospect of increased development along the Princeton Ridge portion of Route 206 near Woodland Drive, Princeton Township Committee unanimously passed an ordinance Monday intended to clarify zoning in an area that sees a transition from lower to increased levels of density.

The ordinance, which received a nod from the Regional Planning Board of Princeton at its June 1 hearing, was devised after several representatives of Woodland and Hilltop drives, and Mansgrove Road, approached the Township when faced with the possible subdivision proposal at 50 Woodland. The ordinance would change the designation of nine properties along the western side of Woodland Drive to the Township's R-5 residential zone, requiring a full one-half acre to develop. Formerly, those homes required only a quarter-acre to develop as part of the Township's R-6 zoning district.

Fourteen lots make up the nine properties in that portion of the Township. Of those lots, six are double lots.

As such, several residents worried about increasing the building density in that area because of possibilities of increased flooding and structural damage. Residents also worried about the sloping nature of the site and how increased development could affect properties downstream. Concerns about wetlands were also raised.

Residents began taking their worries to the Township when a development proposal by Won Kim, also of Woodland, was submitted to the Planning Department suggesting the subdividing of his two properties so that he could build another house. While the new zoning designation under the R-6 does not prohibit Mr. Kim from building a second home on his property, it does keep residents with double lot properties from building several homes, which would have been possible under R-5 regulations.

Before Committee voted in favor of the zoning change, Pat Ostberg of Woodland Drive was concerned that under the lapsed zoning a developer would be able to purchase properties in the neighborhood and effectively build to a higher density than what now exists.

But while Ms. Ostberg's concerns were noted, Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand said that the intentions of prospective developers had less to do with creating this ordinance than the prospect of exacerbated environmental conditions.

Mr. Kim called the zoning change "no more than spot zoning" because it addressed only nine of several hundred properties that comprise the R-5. He went on to call the change "arbitrarily unreasonable" and "capricious."

But Ms. Marchand said that the effort to maintain neighborhood character is what is in play with the ordinance. "We have seen changes throughout the neighborhood and Woodland is one of those areas that has maintained the character that it was originally supposed to have."

In September of last year, the Princeton Environmental Commission first publicly addressed the prospect of changing the zoning around Woodland. At the time, Township Engineer Robert Kiser expressed similar concerns about character: "Clearly, the neighbors are concerned with maintaining the integrity of their neighborhood," he said, calling quarter-acre development in this area "extremely difficult" by potentially creating additional runoff.

Committeeman Bill Hearon, Woodland Drive resident, abstained from voting.

In other news, members of Township Committee voted unanimously to divert $33,000 of previously appropriated funds for the use of materials for the Princeton Public Library. At the Township's budget adoption on May 22, members of Township Committee approved an additional $100,000, funds that were shifted from another part of the budget without increasing the municipal tax rate. The Township's $31 million operating budget indicates a 5.5-cent increase per $100 of assessed property value.

Entire Township funding for the Library now hovers a little over $2.3 million, with the Borough appropriating its 31 percent share of Library funding, over $1 million.

Members of Township Committee failed to act on a motion put forth by Deputy Mayor Bernie Miller that would bond monies for the purpose of Library book purchase and instead acted on putting the $33,000 toward book purchases.

— Matthew Hersh

Six Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported six births to area residents during the week ending June 12.

Sons were born to Alyson and Brian Cimler, West Windsor, June 1; Petra and Hannes Schnlepp, Princeton, June 4; and Christine and Michael Petrane, Rocky Hill, June 6.

Daughters were born to Soo Mee Kwan and Ron Davison, Princeton Junction, June 3; Arezou Rowshamzadeh and Hamid Eskandari, Princeton, June 3; and Melissa and Michael Tudor, Lawrenceville, June 6.

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- Living Will/Health Care Proxy
- Organ donation wishes
- Funeral arrangements/wishes
- Memorial fund preferences
- Pallbearer preferences
- Birth certificates or immigration papers
- Prior three years of income tax returns and related tax preparation materials
- Bank and brokerage statements
- Bank books
- Original stocks and bonds
- Records of loans made to or by you
- Credit card statements
- Attorney, accountant, financial planner, private banker, and stockbroker name, address and phone
- Address book and list of other persons to be contacted in the event of death
- IRA or pension statements
- Summary plan description for pensions
- Filed gift tax returns
- Records of lawsuits filed by you or against you
- Predeceased spouse's estate tax records (as well as any other estates you inherited from)
- Military service records if retired military
- Life, auto, homeowner and any other insurance policies
- Charge accounts statements and numbers
- Deeds
- Partnership or shareholder agreements
- Financial statements for businesses
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The Undergraduate Science Education Initiative grants are awarded competitively every four years. The University has been funded continually since the grants began in 1989, and is one of only five institutions to receive the maximum possible award this year.

Fred Hughson, incoming director of the Princeton/HHMI Undergraduate Research Education Program, said that the award will help the University further expand its efforts to improve biology education in secondary schools and create new opportunities for undergraduates.

"Almost half of the funds are dedicated to outreach efforts targeting high school and middle school science education," said Hughson, an associate professor of molecular biology. "The essential element is an annual summer workshop that brings secondary school teachers to Princeton, where they interact with faculty and develop laboratory experiments to share with their students."

The summer workshops have engaged 450 teachers and more than 300,000 students in most New Jersey school districts since funding began in 1990. The new funding will provide the opportunity for Princeton to partner with the school district of Philadelphia in order to train teachers and provide equipment and materials for the creation of satellite learning centers in Philadelphia high schools.

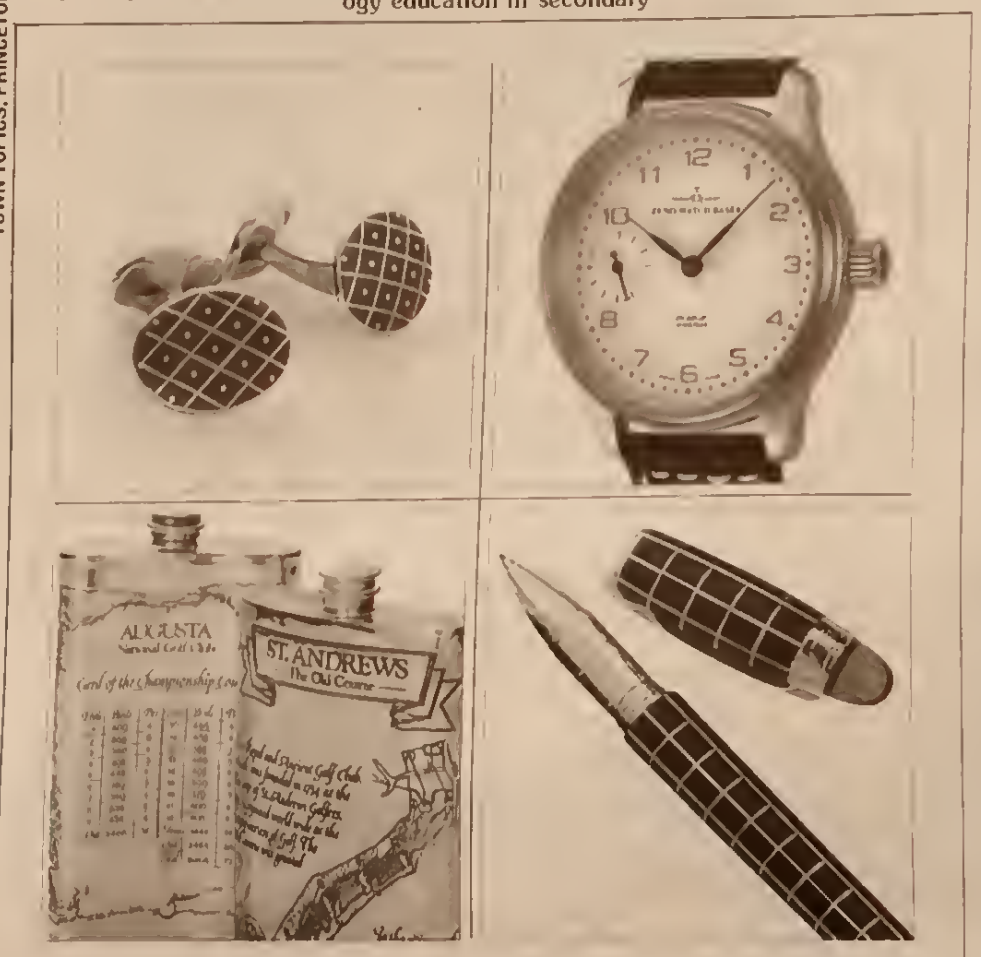
Some of the remaining funds will be used for a summer research program for University students and others selected from a nationwide pool of undergraduates attending small colleges with limited resources for research. The rest will be devoted to developing a new upper-level undergraduate course in biological imaging.

Princeton Junior League Awards Grant Money

Through its Community Grants program, the Junior League of Greater Princeton awarded a total of $10,000 in grants to the Family Guidance Center in Hamilton, Homefront of Lawrenceville, the Princeton Child Development Institute, and the Morrisville (Pa.) YMCA.

The grant recipients all support the League's mission of building better communities through enhancing the literacy skills of young children. The grants program has provided more than $130,000 in grants to over 100 organizations over the past ten years.

For more information about the grant recipents or the Junior League of Greater Princeton, visit www.jlgp.org.



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— Molly Lynch, Princeton

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"I grew up here, my parents still live in Princeton, and I have been coming to the Fete since I was three. The reason why I like the Fete most is that 20 years ago, I got incredibly ill, and my parents brought me to the University Medical Center at Princeton where my life was saved. I come here to give back to the community and to the Medical Center."

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New CEO of the Princeton Family YMCA Looking to Strengthen Community Ties

As an executive with Merrill Lynch International, Kathleen Story, a volunteer at heart, found herself often on the road and out of an environment where she felt she could make a difference on the community level.

As of June 2, the newly-appointed CEO of the Princeton Family YMCA will return to a place she said that she had "really, really missed."

When a YMCA board member enlisted Ms. Story to serve on various committees doing volunteer work, she had no idea that she would eventually become chair of the Y's Programming Committee, a member of the board of trustees, and now CEO.

Not a bad way to move up the chain.

"I know all the board members, I know the staff very well, and have good working relationships with them.

"That's certainly a leg up, I would say."

Ms. Story's experience as a 15-year Princeton resident and the founder and managing director of Princeton Strategics, a consulting firm that focuses on strategy and market development, complements the YMCA's emphasis on good working relationships, especially at time when the near 100-year-old Princeton institution is at a crossroads.

With fund-raising for a major renovation looming, and dealings with Princeton University and Princeton HealthCare System continuing as the hospital looks to sell its nearby Merwick lands to the University, Ms. Story, it seems, is a fitting figure, name and all, to start this new chapter at the Y.

As CEO, Ms. Story's responsibilities will include not only fund-raising but interaction with other non-profit organizations and local governments. As she meets with various board members, past and present donors, and corporations, the fund-raising theme, she said, will dominate the Y's centennial celebration, set to take place in 2008. Monies raised will go toward a phased renovation of the institution's 48-year-old facility that stretches along Paul Robeson Place, in addition to the development of new programs and increased community outreach.

"I think it's time to make some changes," she said, referring in particular to the aging YMCA building.

Ms. Story said those changes can be achieved by taking advantage of the "tremendous opportunities" for pursuing corporate grants available from JCPenny, Kimberly-Clark, Robert Wood Johnson, Johnson & Johnson, and Church & Dwight, to name a few.

Bringing additional resources to the Princeton Y, especially in the area of after-school programming, youth sports, and childcare, are near the top of Ms. Story's agenda. "We are obviously looking to expand the programs we offer to families," she said. Full-time and one, three, and five-day pre-Kindergarten programs are also on Ms. Story's radar screen as she takes the helm.

Getting more involved and "connecting" with the neighborhood is also a goal Ms. Story will address during her tenure, which may include offering a middle school program from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; expanding offsite programming to centrally-located community centers throughout the region; and offering English lessons to families, as well as tutoring children and assisting with school work.

Kathleen Story

The Y's popular aquatics programs are also a priority for Ms. Story. In the process of getting ready for the annual nine-week summer camp, which accommodated over 900 children from 400 families in 2005, Ms. Story playfully suggested that campers might see her wearing a lifeguard's whistle.

Another critical goal for the Y right now is reaching out to teenagers, Ms. Story said. "It's a tremendous challenge and one that we're looking into quite a bit," she added, indicating a desire to not only focus on offering activities such as dances and other programming that offers as ostensible "home away from home," but also to address childhood obesity.

Once the renovation is "on its way," Ms. Story said there are plans to implement intergenerational exercise classes and programs.

Ms. Story has been in attendance at several Regional Planning Board meetings as the future of Princeton HealthCare System's Merwick Care Center is discussed. Merwick, which will eventually move with the University Medical Center at Princeton to a new campus in Plainsboro Township, will likely be sold to Princeton University for graduate housing. The expanded development that will result will require changes in both traffic and pedestrian circulation and, as the Y lands are directly adjacent to Merwick, Ms. Story said the Y would be a key figure in any future development of the site.

And while it's still early — the Planning Board needs to sign off with the Princeton Community Master Plan before any changes are considered — Ms. Story lauded the "great relationships" with the University and the hospital.

"I think we're all happy campers here. It's going to be a marathon, but it's very exciting for everybody — looking at the possibilities is just outstanding," she added.

Finally, Ms. Story is encouraged by the fact that her counterpart at the YWCA Princeton, Judith Hutton, was also just starting out, having become CEO on March 6. "It's great being able to work together at the beginning of our careers here."

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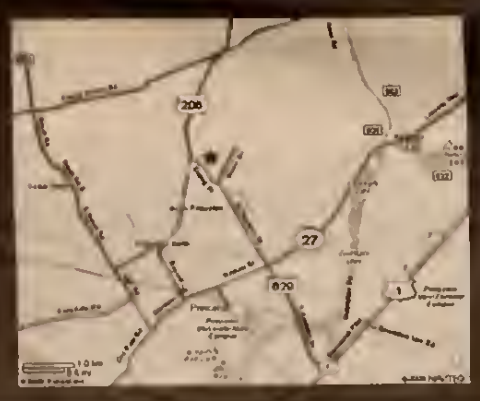

Rescue Report

Reunions weekend at Princeton University kept the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad busy. Early Saturday morning, June 3, a 23-year-old man was found passed out between two cars in a parking lot. The evening's rain and cool temperatures left the patient wet, cold, and shivering.

Later Saturday night, the Squad responded onto campus for an intoxicated 15-year-old male. The patient who could not be awakened, even with painful stimuli, exhibited depressed, shallow respirations and was rushed to UMCP for treatment.

The Squad also responded to two calls where the intoxicated patients were uncooperative and verbally and physically belligerent. One of them continuously spat at the crews. In total, the Squad responded to 11 alcohol-related calls on Saturday and early Sunday.

The Squad was also busy on Thursday, June 8, responding to 15 calls in 16 hours. One of the calls was for a 33-year-old man whose vehicle struck a telephone pole. The patient, who was confused, reportedly not wearing a seatbelt, and had no memory of the crash, sustained a small laceration near his eye, along with leg and shoulder pain. He was treated and transported to UMCP.

Shortly afterwards, the Squad responded for a 65-year-old woman suffering from smoke inhalation as a result of opening her shed doors to find a burning pile of mulch. The patient, who reported difficulty breathing and tightness in her chest, was given oxygen and transported to the hospital for evaluation.

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(Photo by Linda Arntzenius)

Lamont Fletcher is a magical guy with kids," said Johnson Park School Principal Bob Ginsberg of the teacher who has been with Princeton Regional Schools since 1969.

Sara Doran agrees. Her son Charlie is a first grader with Mr. Fletcher and she was a kindergartener with him at Riverside School some 30 years ago. "We have a special connection and I was hoping Charlie would be in his class. He's a wonderful man and a wonderful teacher."

Mr. Fletcher now teaches the children of four of his former Riverside kindergartners. When Ms. Doran, who grew up in Princeton and moved back to town four years ago, enrolled her son, she was delighted to find that Mr. Fletcher not only remembered her as Sara Pickens, but also — prompted by an old class photo — recalled the name of her best friend and the names of the other kindergarteners in his 1974-75 class.

Mr. Fletcher was himself a kindergartner during the last year of segregation in the Princeton schools. In that year all the elementary children in the Borough went to the Nassau Street School. What he most remembers of the move is how great it was to go to the same school as his big brothers, Lorenzo and Donald. Mr. Fletcher, whose grandfather came to Princeton in the mid-19th century from a small town in Virginia to work as a jockey for the Stockton family, has an older sister Loretta, and a younger sister, Deborah. His mother, Maxie Fletcher, who is 92, lives in the Princeton Community Village.

Colleagues and former students alike consider Mr. Fletcher a natural-born teacher. But it was not until he approached the end of high school that he began to give serious thought to his future. Although he was on the honor roll at junior high at Witherspoon/Quarry Street, he was more interested in athletics back then. At high school too, when a heavy academic workload conflicted with football, he chose football. "I've always been highly auditory and recalling facts was easy for me, so I aced quizzes. But in my senior year, in homeroom, when other kids were getting distraught at the thought of college acceptance, I was mystified, I thought what's the big deal, I had no idea, and this was in senior year!"

He went to Winston-Salem State College in North Carolina with the idea of becoming a gym teacher. "We all have something special that we were meant to do," he said. He feels lucky that he discovered that teaching was his "calling."

Approach to Teaching

A workshop on the "open education" approach of the experimental Summerhill School, inspired him to pursue a master's degree at Temple University. He felt right at home with the Summerhill philosophy and subsequently enrolled in a new program designed specifically for established teachers. The best part of it, from his point of view, was that participants learned from each other. That was in 1975. Since then, ideals in this area of education have informed his teaching practice.

More important than academics, he believes, is that children feel good about themselves. "If it weren't for his understanding that (in his words) 'affect precedes academics,' the at-risk children I work with would not make the progress they do," volunteered reading recovery teacher Pat Clopp, who has worked with Mr. Fletcher for two years at Johnson Park. "He supports, encourages, and instills a belief in them (and their parents) that they can do, and as a result, they do!"

Mr. Fletcher also believes that the best way to learn is to teach. Working with colleagues at Johnson Park, he's had older children come into his first grade class to explain something new that they have learned. His first grade readers read aloud to others. "Once you have become an effective reader," he said, "you can become a listener."

Princeton Childhood

Looking back on his own childhood, he feels lucky to have grown up in a community where the older generation looked out for the younger.

"I've always wanted to do the right thing because of the modeling of my parents and perhaps because television of the period taught good morals, in comparison with which today's television comes out very badly in terms of role models for children."

Being overseen by adults in the community is something he feels grateful for now. Someone always told on him when he played hooky from church and went instead to Ball's tiny confectionary store on John Street that opened at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Now he's a deacon in that church, the First Baptist Church on John Street.

"Lucky for me, my house was right next to the school on MacLean Street. I never had to hunt for friends. All I had to do was look out of the bathroom window. I could see who was there and whether we could get a game of football or softball going." Even though he lived close to the school, he was often late. He had the timing down so that he could roll out of bed, grab breakfast and climb over the fence and right into the school. But someone told on him and he was caught by none other than Principal Howard Waxwood himself.

Now, Mr. Fletcher has four sons and nine grandchildren. Lamont, his oldest, is a gunny sergeant in the marines who has done duty in Iraq and Kosovo and in Mogadishu in Somalia as an electronics expert. Then there's Stephan, Todd and Scott. All were athletes and all, save Scott, went to Princeton schools.

Mr. Fletcher has fond memories of the days when his hometown was surrounded by woods and farmland. Born and raised here, he now lives in Pennington. The high cost of homes, he said, makes it very hard to come back into this community. "When I was growing up, people would say this is going to become a town of haves and have-nots. Look at what Princeton is becoming. People come into Princeton to drink coffee!"

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Property Transfer

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Council is likely to revisit the issue in an upcoming public session, but in the meantime, the partners in play are trying to work out glitches that could further delay a project that is already behind schedule.

"It's taking more time than we expected it to take, but I think both parties are slowly but surely resolving the outstanding concerns that we have about this," Mr. Powell said Tuesday, adding that common ground is being sought among more vocal members of Council who want to curb the deed transfer of Witherspoon House until the pergola and garage are completed.

Councilman Roger Martindell, who had prepared a statement for Borough Council at its intended discussion last week, worried about ongoing litigation, a series of mechanics liens, between the Borough and NHKT subcontractors. "If we allow the transfer to go ahead, we don't want to have to continue to subject ourselves to legal fees," he said, estimating up to $60,000 in fees thus far.

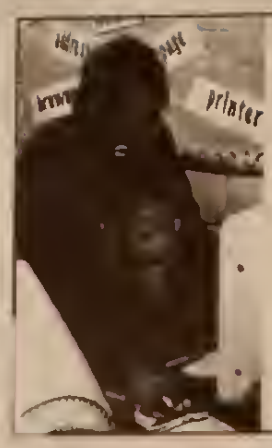
A resolution is in order, Mr. Powell said, but he could not offer specifics: "We have resolved substantially all those claims, with some legal detail needed to be finalized." Mr. Powell added that progress had been made with Borough Council in the last month because subcontractor complaints had been addressed: "the concern has dropped dramatically."

Mr. Martindell also pointed to the wet garage basement that has precluded a permanent certificate of occupancy from being issued for the structure. NHKT is currently undergoing a remediation effort where an added concrete slab will be bolted down, preventing any further leaking.

The garage should be repaired by mid to late summer, Mr. Powell said, adding that a contractor has been engaged with work beginning in July.

Borough Administrator Robert Bruschi, in an interview last week, said he was comfortable with letting NHKT cordon off Witherspoon House for ownership transfer, indicating that financial guaranties would remain in place, effectively safeguarding the Borough from losing money. Mr. Martindell said he plans to publicly address his concerns when the Borough revisits its NHKT discussion.

—Matthew Hersh



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Verizon

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manager for Verizon Video Services, somewhat of a separate process to receiving any municipal approval. Verizon can still negotiate franchise agreements with individual municipalities. Of particular concern among members of both the Borough and Township governing bodies is whether Verizon would be able to provide the same level of public access, or Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) channels now offered in the Princetons.

Currently, there are six PEG channels available to Princeton cable subscribers: Mercer County Community College; Princeton University; Princeton Community Television; Princeton Borough; and Princeton Township.

"We are really used to a tremendous amount of public access channels," said Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand Monday night. Ms. Cogan, however, said that while typically two PEG channels are required in franchise agreements, it could be increased to higher numbers like those found in Princeton.

Verizon is scheduled to continue its public hearing with Princeton Borough at an as yet to be determined date in July, and the Township is scheduled for a second hearing July 17.

Officer Scott Walter of the Princeton Township Police Department worried about working with Verizon when emergency notices need to be issued; he also pointed out the possible extra "burden" of providing emergency notices to two separate cable operators. Ms. Cogan said Verizon would seek an interconnection agreement with the incumbent provider, in this case, Patriot Media, to provide public access and emergency noticing.

Jim Holanda, president of Patriot Media, said he welcomed the prospect of competition, but said that the statewide negotiations have resulted in stipulations that require a built-out fiber infrastructure for the 60 most dense New Jersey municipalities, including Princeton Borough, but not Princeton Township. Mr. Holanda also reinforced the concern that Verizon may not provide as many PEG channels.

Anna Lustenberg, Verizon director of external affairs, said full deployment for fiber-based systems is more difficult than cable, but that Verizon service, if allowed to compete, would eventually provide service to the entire municipality.

—Matthew Hersh

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Police Blotter

A Bayshore, N.Y. woman and a New York City man were both injured slightly in a 10 p.m. automobile collision on June 5 at the intersection of Washington and Faculty Roads. According to the investigation by Township Officer Marla Montague, Jonathan Reynolds, 64, of New York, traveling southbound on Washington Road, was driving under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident. The collision occurred when he pulled his 2002 Audi into Faculty Road in front of the 2002 Toyota driven by Florence Ford, 45, of Bayshore, who reportedly suffered chest pains as a result of the accident. Both drivers were transported from the scene to the University Medical Center at Princeton for treatment of their minor injuries. Mr. Reynolds was subsequently charged with DWI and with failure to yield at an intersection.

A Caterpillar Wheeled Loader was vandalized at a construction site at Princeton Day School between June 1 and June 5, police said. Vandal(s) unknown had placed rocks and gravel in the transmission case of the loader, causing damage estimated at $5,000. Police have no suspect(s).

Kelsey Finkelstein 21, of Cedar Lane, was arrested on June 3 on charges of simple assault and the unlawful taking of a means of conveyance for a theft that allegedly occurred on Cedar Lane. She was released after posting bail of $1,000.

Motor vehicle stops led to the arrests of three drivers in Princeton when they were found to be wanted on warrants.

Luke Shieh, 21, of Barclay Boulevard, stopped for speeding on June 2 on Great Road, was subsequently found, as a result of an NCIC check, to be wanted on active warrants totalling $450. He was released by Township Police after posting bail pending a future court appearance in Franklin Township Municipal Court. Kevin E. Willis, 39, of Langhorne, Pa., stopped for a traffic violation on Washington Road on June 6, was subsequently arrested when he was found to be wanted on warrants from multiple jurisdictions. He was held temporarily at Borough Police Headquarters, then released on $1,769 bail. Also on June 6, Chanon Peterson, 23, of Trenton was arrested following a stop on Witherspoon Street on an active warrant from the Trenton Police Department. He was then turned over to the Trenton Police and committed in lieu of bail totaling $3,500.

On June 6, Borough Patrolman William Perez investigated a reported a burglary and theft at a residence on FitzRandolph Road that is believed to have occurred between May 31 and June 1. The burglar(s) forced entry into the home and stole unidentified personal property. Police have no suspect(s).

Six drivers were arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated: Michael Janis, 62, of Bloomfield, on June 3; Antonio R. Delaluz, 20, of Berrien Court, on June 3; John G. Lamb Jr., 62, of Dallas, Texas, on June 3; Candace Fleming, 51, of West Orange, on June 4; Lidio R. Delaluz, 26, of John Street, on June 4; and William G. Kelly, 48, of Houston, Texas, on June 7. All were assigned June 12 court dates in Borough Municipal Court.

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Local Fare
from Princeton's kitchens

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Sherry's Local Organic Mixed Greens Salad with Strawberry Dressing

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1 pound organic, local Chandler strawberries, hulled and sliced
3 heads each local, organic deer tongue, red oak leaf, and devil's ear heirloom lettuce
1 7-oz package crumbled feta cheese, (about 1⅓ cups)
½ cup organic walnuts, toasted
½ cup organic olive oil
3 tblsp organic balsamic vinegar
½ tblsp local orange honey

Mash enough strawberries to measure ⅓ cup. Place remaining strawberries in large bowl. Add greens, cheese, and nuts. Whisk oil, vinegar, and honey in small bowl to blend. Whisk in mashed strawberries. Season dressing with salt and freshly milled white pepper. Add to salad; toss to coat.

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However, with roundabouts, he went on, crash rates, including those involving deaths, are known to plummet. According to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, roundabouts reduce crashes by 39 percent, and 76 percent for injury and fatal crashes. Mr. Lalani's presentation went on to say that there typically are fewer delays, and that roundabouts can handle "irregular" intersections, such as the one that joins Mercer Street, Nassau Street, and Route 206 (Bayard Lane/Stockton Street), better than signals.

Roundabouts can also create opportunities for what Mr. Lalani dubbed as "community enhancement," a point that complements the context-sensitive approach outlined by Mr. Lockwood, who encouraged master plan and zoning stipulations facilitating development that would calm traffic, such as buildings facing the roadway, tree plantings, and sidewalks.

A second Webinar, scheduled for next Tuesday, June 20 from noon to 1 p.m. will outline part two of Mr. Lalani's presentation.

—Matthew Hersh

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After the rest of the library closes at 9 p.m., hoagies and soda will be available to the high school students preparing for examinations.

Springboard is staffed by paid teachers and community volunteers, including educators and students from Princeton University and Princeton High School. It is recognized by the American Library Association as a national model of excellence in after-school programming for young adults.

This will be the 14th edition of such late night study sessions at the library. Jan Johnson, manager of the Youth Services Department, said that as many as 40 or 50 students have attended each session in the past. Teachers have also arranged review sessions with their students at the library.

"It's really been a help to students," said Ms. Johnson. "They get to do their work and take advantage of the tutors we have here for them."

During the school year, Springboard tutors are available for homework help at the Library from 3:30 to 6 p.m. every Monday through Thursday. The library also offers a free online tutoring service. Live Homework Help is available on library computers or on home computers via the library's Website. The library also offers homework help through its QandANJ service.

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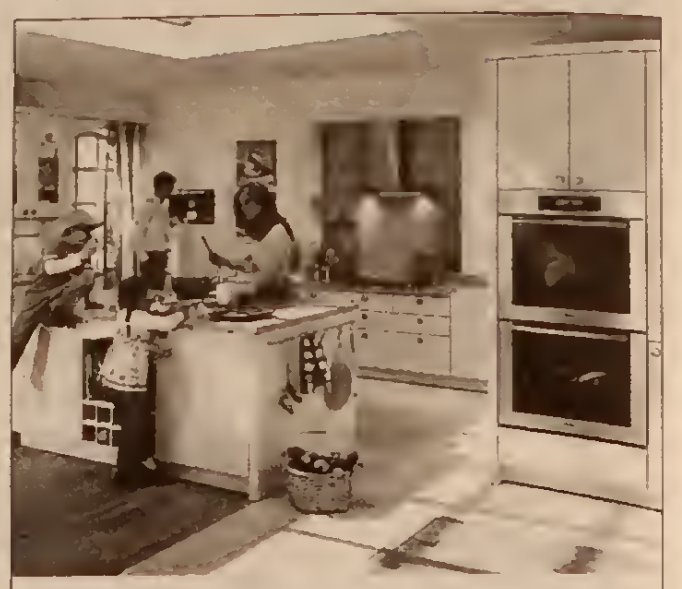

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LEAGUE HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING: The League of Women Voters of the Princeton Area heard Jon Shure, founder of New Jersey Policy Perspective, speak about the current New Jersey state budget situation at its annual meeting and luncheon last Wednesday, June 7. Pictured, from left, with Mr. Shure are League board members Frieda Gilvarg, Susan Roth, Nancy Porter and Rita Ludium. Ms. Roth, a librarian at Princeton Public Library, received the League's Community Service Award for "outstanding support of civic education and voter service."

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There is no charge for the program; the public is welcome.

The **Dachshund Club of New Jersey** will hold its annual summer match show on Sunday, July 9 under the pavilion at North Branch Park, Milltown Road, Bridgewater, starting at 10 a.m.

The costume contest will begin at 11 a.m., with prizes for the most original and prettiest multiple dog entry. Match show judging will begin at noon, with an entry fee of $7.

There will be no charge for spectators. Lunch will be available.

The event will feature the Dachshund Boutique, offering dachshund collectibles.

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Soroptimist International of Princeton recently presented a donation to Alison Long, a master's degree candidate at American University in Washington, D.C., who is preparing for a three-month stay in Kabul, Afghanistan to help educate girls at the Oruj Learning Center. The presentation was made by Soroptimist president Barbara Whitlock and member Eleanor Nelson.

The next dinner meeting of the Soroptimists will be June 20 at 7 p.m. at the Nassau Club. Carol Walker, director, will install the officers for the coming year.

For reservations, call (609) 924-0872.

The Institute of Management Consultants, New Jersey Chapter, will hold a Roundtables for Practice Management dinner meeting from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, July 17 at the Marriott Doral Forrestal Hotel.

Admission will be $40 for members or $60 for nonmembers, with a $10 surcharge for walk-ins and reservations made after noon on July 14.

To register, call (609) 896-4457 or visit www.imcnewjersey.org.

The **Central Jersey Dance Society** will present a Milonga, an Argentine tango social dance, on Sunday, June 25 at the Suzanne Patterson Center. A tango lesson with Vanja Stolkowa will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by open dancing from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.

Admission, including the lesson, will be $11 for adults, $8 for students. Light refreshments will be served.

Proper attire — no t-shirts, sneakers, or jeans — is requested.

For more information, call (609) 945-1883 or visit www.centraljerseydance.org.

The **Professional and Business Singles Network** will host two local networking events this month. On Friday, June 23 at 7:30 p.m., a discussion on the topic "Changing Gender Roles" will be held at La Villa Ristorante in Hamilton Township, followed by a dance social at 8:30 p.m. Admission will be $15 and will include a complimentary pasta and salad buffet.

On Tuesday, June 27 a Business After Hours Social will be held from 5:30 to 9 p.m. at Diamond's Restaurant in Ewing, featuring a Pinwheel Forum and round table introductions at 7:15 p.m. The program will be "Are Your Standards Too High?"

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To the Editor:

On May 17, Princeton High School juniors and seniors got a first-hand look at how their lives could change in the space of a second. As they watched the graphic, devastatingly realistic simulation of a drunk-driving accident involving several of their fellow students, their faces reflected horror, shock, and disbelief. The event sent a powerful message to them, their teachers, and the community members who attended: drinking and driving can be lethal.

Staging such a major event takes a great deal of energy, coordination, and cooperation. Many members of our Princeton community gave their time, their talents, and their support when we first proposed "The Re-enactment." We would like to thank all of them.

The Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad, directed by Greg Paulson, did an incredible job of creating and running an elaborate scene which looked and sounded frighteningly real. The Princeton Borough and Township Police Departments were extremely helpful and professional, and special thanks go to Acting Township Police Chief Mark Emann, Princeton Borough Police Chief Anthony Federico, Patrolman Ben Gering, and Detective Jon Bucchere. Thank you, also, to the two fire departments on the scene, Mercer Engine Company No. 3 and Princeton Hook and Ladder.

Without the support of the Princeton Regional School District, this event would never have happened. Gary Weisman, Facilities, was a tremendous resource. Gary Snyder, PHS principal, helped us overcome a number of obstacles, and was extremely effective as a key speaker. The PHS Media Department did an exceptional job of setting up the sound system, and we thank Danny Turner, Kurt Zimmerman, and Peter Thompson very much. Also, thanks to Tony Diaforli of the grounds crew.

The John Witherspoon Middle School principal, William Johnson, coordinated our campaign to have every middle school student write a persuasive essay to a PHS junior or senior on the dangers of underage drinking and driving. Thank you, Bill, the staff of JWMS, and most of all the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. Those letters made an unmistakable impression on the recipients.

Others at PHS must also be thanked. Jenni Griffin delivered a letter to every student. Suzanne Thompson had the unenviable job of identifying the body "killed" in the car crash. The PHS PTO provided funding, Suzanne Carroll and Penny Stone helped us publicize the event, and Madolyn Greve dressed the actors in prom clothes. Gwen Kimsal and the PHS chapter of SADD participated in the debriefing sessions.

Thank you, Ken Larini and Larini's Sunoco, for supplying the crash cars, and Peter Hodge of Mather-Hodge Funeral Home for providing a final and somber note. That image will stay with us.

Thank you Gary DeBlasio, the office staff and counseling staff of Corner House, and the Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance for your efforts on our behalf.

Finally, sincere thanks go to the actors, who are all members of the Corner House Student Board. They did an amazing job. They, and their peers, are the reason why we spent four months working on this project. Each attendee was given a wrist band which said, "Always safe and sober" — the most important message of all. We believe that every person who saw this simulation could not help but be deeply affected. We, personally, will never forget it.

WENDY JOLLEY
MONICA VILDOSTEGUI
Event Co-chairs
Princeton Alcohol and Drug Alliance

Death of Albert Hinds Summons Memory Of a Most Interesting and Interested Man

To the Editor:

Over the last two years, when I went to visit Albert E. Hinds, he sometimes wondered why God had allowed him to live so long. In response, I always reminded him that I had the privilege of meeting him when he was 99.

I had my first conversation with Mr. Hinds when I was a freshman at Princeton University, working on an article for The Daily Princetonian. I wanted to learn something about the history of the John-Witherspoon neighborhood, and a woman sitting on her porch pointed me to 227 John Street. Mr. Hinds graciously welcomed me in, and over the next five years he became a teacher, a grandfather, and a dear, dear friend. I will undoubtedly remember him for his "acuity, encyclopedic memory of 20th-century Princeton, and physical dexterity," as Matthew Hersh put it (Town Topics, June 7). But I will also remember his showing me his mother's 1894 graduation diploma, serving me shoefly pie, and offering me advice on relationships. He was one of those rare people who is as interested as he is interesting. He could easily have filled all of our conversations with rich stories about his Princeton childhood, work at the YMCA in New Orleans, or time on the Borough Zoning Board, but we always ended up talking instead about my own work and family. In a letter to me this past January he asked how my mother was tolerating my living an hour and a half away from her in Philadelphia, and when I saw him just three weeks ago, he wanted to hear all about my dissertation topic and the process involved in turning it into a book.

I will probably dedicate that dissertation, and hopefully one day the book that comes out of it, to Mr. Hinds. I plan to write about universities and the communities around them, an interest I developed while writing my undergraduate senior thesis about the relationship between Princeton University and the John-Witherspoon community. As a result of my friendship with Mr. Hinds, my experiences with both were very much intertwined. I feel blessed to have known him, and will dearly miss him.

JESSICA LAUTIN
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Editor's Note: An oddendum to the obituory for Albert Hinds oppeors in this issue on poge 45.

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To the Editor:

On June 7, the Arts Council of Princeton celebrated the publication of the 18th edition of *Under Age*, an annual anthology of poetry, prose, and artwork by students in grades K through 12. The students whose works were chosen for publication, along with their parents and teachers, gathered for a reading and exhibition of their art. The publication party was a joyous occasion that commemorated both the creativity of the thousands of students who submit their work each year and the inspiration and encouragement provided by their parents and teachers.

The Arts Council would like to thank all those who made *Under Age* possible: our literary editor, Adele Bourne, our art editor and coordinator, Janna McLeod, our designer Jesse Kirsch, Princeton University for providing us the room to celebrate this special occasion, Micawber Books for decorating their store window with the artwork from f+iUnder Agef-i and selling copies of the publication, and Karen Childs from the Village Bakery in Lawrenceville for the beautiful cake. Thank you also to Janssen Pharmaceutica and our other supporters, the Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission, the J. Seward Johnson Sr. 1963 Charitable Trust, and the individual sponsors who also recognize the importance of cultivating self-expression in the young: Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP, Freeman and Imme Dyson, The Frame Smith Gallery, Doretta Gallucci, Peter and Lilian Grosz, Edmund and Mary Keeley, Linda R. Levy, Ingrid and Marvin Reed, Raymond J. Stratmeyer, and Daniel and Dianne Tully.

MICHAEL LARICCIA
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Township Committee Candidates Thank Supporters, Voters, and Each Other

To the Editor:

I want to thank all of the voters who turned out for the primary on June 6 and all of the volunteers who helped our campaign throughout the primary election.

I also want to thank Scott Carver for running in the primary and the contribution that both of our candidacies brought to the party in terms of discussion with the voters on the issues we all care about. This primary was the first contested primary for Princeton Township Committee in six years and resulted in significantly higher turnout.

I sincerely appreciate the voters' support and look forward to the opportunity to bring fresh ideas and a new perspective to the Princeton Township Committee.

CHAD GOERNER
Bayard Lane

To the Editor:

I would like to thank all of the voters who came out in the Democratic Primary on Tuesday, June 6 to support my effort in running for Princeton Township Committee.

I congratulate Chad Goerner and wish him much success in his new position.

This has been a terrific experience, and it has served to reinforce what I already knew – this is a wonderful community filled with engaging residents, and I sincerely enjoyed meeting so many of you during this campaign.

I could not have done this without the remarkable group of supporters who gave so much time and energy toward my campaign and I will always be grateful to each of you for your support.

I would also like to thank Gregg Smith for creating and maintaining my website, as well as Jean Coury and Lori Rabon for their help during the campaign, and Camillo's Café for a great primary party.

I would especially like to thank my wife, Teri, and daughter, Faith, for their continuous love and support.

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85 employees, including hair stylists, estheticians, message therapists, and make-up artists, are on hand to ensure the clients' best look and complete satisfaction.

Owners Steve and Terry Cerf provide a thorough training program for all the staff as well as a continuing education program with workshops and seminars on the latest techniques and treatments.

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"Training is a big factor here," says Ms. Cerf. "No one in the area does what we do. Everyone here goes through the training program — hair stylists attend Vidal Sassoon in London or Los Angeles, and massage therapists and estheticians go to cosmetological training centers. Every six weeks, there is continuing education, which is crucial."

"We also have videos and a flat screen TV," she continues. "They serve two purposes. One is for teaching, and second, clients can see what is going on. It adds to the overall interest and creative experience here."

Hair cuts and color, facials, chemical peels, dermabrasion, body wraps and scrubs, massages, hydrotherapy treatment, manicures and pedicures, and make-up applications are among the array of services at this spacious spa salon.

Big Trend

Customers include women and men of all ages and styles, whose choices range from classic to cutting edge, and Metropolis can accommodate every hair style and provide the latest body treatment.

Among the newest services at the salon are hair extensions. "This is a big trend, and it is really in demand," says Ms. Cerf. "It is natural hair and so contains the protein that is in human hair. It stays in permanently for five months, and you wash it like your own. It is colored to match anyone's hair, and it thickens, lengthens, and can dramatically change your look. It's good for any hair — curly, straight, thin or thick, and any texture."

The extensions can be as subtle or dramatic as the client wishes, adds stylist Tammy Pesarini. Proms, weddings, and parties are occasions when someone may want a special look and opt for a more spectacular extension.

Color continues to be a hot topic in hair styling, and as Metropolis artistic director Daniel Smits points out, "Hair color has gone from being functional to being fashionable. It has transcended function into fashion."

Metropolis offers the latest look in color, as well as a full line of hair services, from scalp treatments to corrective coloring. Cuts, styling, straightening, highlighting, lowlighting, up-do's — it's all up-to-date at Metropolis.

Easy care is a big issue these days, when time is tight for a lot of people. A good cut is the foundation of easy-maintenance, and as Ms. Cerf points out, "You want your hair to look great. It is your crown. People want a hair cut that works — whether they do it or don't do it."

New Focus

A new focus at Metropolis is make-up, she adds. "This is becoming very popular here. Kathryn Hearn is our make-up specialist and also our spa manager. She studied at Fred Siegel in L.A., and her background in architecture and design sets her apart. Shape and color are so important."

"I was interested in make-up, and I enjoy the individuality of the different clients," says Ms. Hearn. "The make-up depends on the person. I like to match what they are wearing, for instance, if they're going to an event. The make-up should be appropriate for the occasion."

Age, skin texture, shape of face, and coloring are all factors, she explains. "Make-up should enhance the person's look, and a natural look is important. Of course, sometimes people like something more dramatic. A 16-year-old had a Sweet Sixteen birthday party, and she wanted sparkles all over. She was thrilled!"

Ms. Hearn's specialties include everything from regular to corrective make-up, as well as offering instruction. "When I do an application, I will give the client advice about how to do it at home. For example, foundation is so important, and we help people learn how to pick their best color. And we have a line of great cosmetic and skincare products here."

CREATIVE COIFFURE: "I love it! I've had it two months now, and it's great. I have curly hair, and I wanted longer, fuller hair." Kelly Campbell (left) is referring to the hair extension, which Metropolis stylist and extension expert Tammy Pesarini skillfully added to Ms. Campbell's natural hair.

Oxygen Infusion

Skincare is crucial, agree Ms. Cerf and Ms. Hearn. "The most important thing you can do is get on a skin care regimen," points out Ms. Cerf. "I've had services here myself, and we have a great new procedure, which was new this winter. Microdermabrasion with oxygen infusion. After the microdermabrasion, vitamins are put on the skin, and then the oxygen infusion helps them to be absorbed. It is most often done on the face, but it can be used for all parts of the skin, and is especially helpful to smooth out scarring."

Facials and body treatments, including a variety of massages, are very popular at Metropolis. In the case of facials, the client's skin is analyzed carefully before treatment is applied, ensuring that the procedure is completely customized to that client.

In addition to the specific benefits to the face and body, facials and massages are known stress-relievers. These procedures take place in the downstairs spa at Metropolis in a soothing setting, featuring low lighting, relaxing atmosphere, and attractive decor.

A gift of a facial, massage, or make-up application is a wonderful treat for someone special. Gift certificates are offered for any service, as are combination packages, including the "Ultimate Day of Rejuvenation," featuring six different procedures and lunch. Also available is a special bridal package for the bride and bridal party.

"We have been fortunate to maintain the loyalty of customers and our staff," says Ms. Cerf. "We are very well-known in the area, and we look forward to continuing to please our clients, and of course, always to maintain our quality. It is our goal to be educated and stay aware of the latest trends. And always, we are committed to customer service.

"What I really want people to know is that we offer the complete solution for hair, face, and body. It's the complete experience."

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The Parente family has been in the food business for 20 years, reports George Parente, but in 2000, they switched their customer focus.

"I grew up in the grocery business," says Mr. Parente. "We had had grocery stores in Philadelphia and then another in Richboro, Bucks County.

"The timing was right for change, though," he continues. "I had a friend in Newtown, who had a small shop, and was a trailblazer in the natural food business for pets. I've always had animals and liked them, and I thought this was a good idea. Around the year 2000, the business began to lean toward natural foods."

So, that year, he opened a natural pet food and supply store, Reigning Dogs & Cats in Newtown, Pa. It did so well that he and his sister Jo Ann Parente decided to add another location, and last June, Dogs & Cats Rule opened in the Hopewell Crossing Shopping Center on Denow Road in Pennington.

Better Heolth

"People are more concerned about eating healthier now, and they want their animals to eat well, too. It's better nutrition and better health for animals — people love their pets." explains Mr. Parente.

"9/11 increased the adoption of pets way up," he adds. "People wanted the comfort of a pet. Most of our customers have more than one animal."

Customers at Dogs & Cats Rule will find a spacious store filled with a big variety of natural pet food, as well as supplies and toys. Leashes, collars, and carrying cases are all on display, as are scratching posts and cat trees.

In addition, pet-related items for humans include note cards, books, and gift bags.

It is food that is the focus, however. "Food drives the wheel," says Mr. Parente, and he points out there are 65 different kinds of food and 50 different brands in the store.

"Dry, canned, freeze-dried (that you reconstitute with water), and frozen raw food are all available. Raw food is becoming more popular for dogs. There is a philosophy that raw meat is closer to what the animals would normally eat, and is healthier.

Growing Business

"50 different companies make natural pet food, and there are more all the time. It's definitely a growing business," he reports. " Such brands as Wellness and Innova Evo are here for dogs and cats, and they are grain-free products. We also carry Newman's Own organic food. The proceeds from this go to animal charities. Every two or three weeks, people come in for our food, which is naturally-preserved."

"In addition, we have a bakery, with specialties, such as cookies, biscuits, and birthday cakes."

Mr. Parente points out that animals with food-related allergies can benefit from natural food, and the store also carries natural remedies for a variety of conditions. "We have homeopathic and holistic remedies for problems with fleas, cystitis, kidneys, even separation anxiety."

He adds that he is having fun with his new stores. "There are a thousand different stories in Pet City! The passion people have for their animals is amazing. They will do anything for their pets. Many customers bring their dogs here, and everyone is happy — humans and pets.

"Some people change their dog's collars seasonally," he adds, "And there is a fad now of putting dresses on small dogs."

He points out that there has been no reported response from the dogs in question, but "It's really about the people, isn't it?"

Best Product

Keeping up with all the new products is a challenge, he says, noting that "the pet business is growing 13 percent nationwide per year. Last year, $36 billion was spent on pet food, supplies, and veterinarian services. The natural food market is growing at the fastest pace."

Mr. Parente believes that Dogs & Cats Rule is unique in the area. "We're set apart. No one else in the area is like us. Our whole focus is on natural products. We are competitively priced, and our goal is to give customers the best product at the best value. We also have a Royalty Club. After people buy $300 worth of items, they will get $10 back.

"I am very pleased with the response," he continues. "We have a lot of regular customers, and it's important to be in the store the majority of the time. People like to talk to the owner. My sister Jo Ann basically runs this store, and we take time to educate people.

"We hope to keep the business growing and we try to do the best we can with old-fashioned customer service and good quality."

Dogs & Cats Rule is open Monday through Friday 10 to 9, Saturday and Sunday 10 to 6. (609) 730-1190. Website: www.reigningdogsandcats.com.

— Jean Stratton

BEST FRIEND: "Pets are welcome here, and many customers bring their dogs with them," says George Parente, owner of Dogs & Cats Rule in Pennington. Lew, a Labrador mix, who was rescued by the Animal Alliance and then adopted, is a well-behaved visitor. The human hand at the right belongs to petsitter Sally Kyle, owner of Sally's Pets.

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BOOKS

Teen Volunteers Ready For Summer Reading

More than 40 teenagers turned up at the Princeton Public Library last Saturday morning for a Teen Volunteer Orientation session led by Allison Santos, library assistant for Youth Services and Young Adults.

Beginning on Thursday, June 15, the 7th and higher-grade students, many from John Witherspoon Middle School and Princeton High School, will undertake a multitude of jobs at the library, including the staffing of summer reading clubs for which sign up opens at 9 a.m. that day.

The volunteers will help with the registration and the running of the summer programs that continue until Sunday, September 10.

Ms. Santos has received 120 volunteer applications, including those from people who turned up for the orientation session.

"This is great work experience for our volunteers," said Ms. Santos, who suggests that the students approach the experience as they would a job, and to call if they can't come in. The library often provides references to prospective employers on behalf of volunteers, several of whom have gone on to paid positions in the library as shelvers, earning between $7.50 and $8 per hour.

It will be up to teen volunteers to keep track of the all-important reading records that track participants' progress toward prizes such as coupons for ice-cream sundaes.

Ms. Santos described these and other prizes that will be given out to reading club participants as incentives for completing program milestones.

She also described incentives for the teen volunteers. Besides the popular ice-cream sundae coupons, new this year, is a version of a celebrity "READ" poster made using a photograph of the volunteer in the style of those designed by the American Library Association (ALA) in which some of the world's most recognizable faces lend their support to literacy.

Volunteers can also look forward to a celebratory party in August. "A good time is had by all," said Ms. Santos. "We are really proud of our volunteer program and of the kids who participate. Think about it. They are in a classroom all winter thinking of summer and then when summer comes, they give their time to the library!

"These volunteers are invaluable," added Ms. Santos. "They bring all levels of experience. Some are new. Some are in college, working in Princeton for the summer, and still returning to volunteer in the library. Many have been doing this for years and the older volunteers take the younger ones under their wings."

When it's quiet, volunteers are encouraged to open up a book. For many kids with summer reading required for school, this is a job with a bonus. The bonus for the library is that their example provides a great model for the younger kids.

Teen volunteers are also encouraged to make book suggestions to young readers. In addition, they will run drop-in craft sessions in the activity room on Mondays and Wednesdays, and drop-in board games on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Growing Program

What began rather informally has grown into a finely honed program, according to Ms. Santos, who co-coordinates the volunteer program with Teen Services Librarian Susan Conlon.

"With the summer reading clubs came the volunteer program. They go hand in hand." *(For details of the summer reading clubs, see accompanying story on page 21.)*

While there are still some glitches, she said, the program is improving every year. "If you want something to be a success, you look back and reflect on how it performed last year and see what needs to be improved."

Ms. Santos undertakes the annual challenge of organizing the summer volunteer schedule. With 120 kids, most of whom have multiple other summer commitments such as camp, academic classes or paid employment, it can be challenging to work in kids who are available only between one and three on Wednesdays and others who are available only in the late afternoon but not for the last two weeks of July.

Ms. Santos tries to accommodate all comers. Her goal is to have schedules ready for the volunteers to begin Thursday.

Twelve-year old Molly Klimak is a first-time library volunteer. In addition to spending time in a Johns Hopkins summer camp, Molly hopes to put in 20 hours at the library in fulfillment of the community service required for a Girl Scout badge.

Described by her mother, Joanne Klimak, as "a voracious reader," Molly has already taken part in Princeton University's Cotsen Critics program where she wrote book reviews. "That was really cool," commented her mother, Ms. Klimak, who works at Princeton High School and who is pleased to see that similar book reviews are encouraged by the library's "Teen Reads" summer program, just one of the programs that the volunteers make possible.

Other Programs

Volunteers from the ninth grade and up also help with library outreach programs that take place over the summer, such as the "Big Tree Library," so called because it takes place under a tree at Community Park Pool. The program, which is accompanied by an honor system book lending program, brings a librarian to the pool to read on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday, beginning June 26.

Twice a week, on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Ms. Santos reads to young children in the age range of 18 to 24 months, for the Library's "Mother Goose" program. "They're a tough crowd," said Ms. Santos. "If a siren or a horn goes off, I've lost them to the window." She soon gets their attention back however with a "magical" bag of tricks.

The very young are introduced to the library through several other storytelling opportunities. These include "Sleepytime Stories" for kids aged 2 to 8 and their parents, which allows whole families a chance to have time reading together, and "Lapsit," story-time for children up to 18 months old. "Toddlers" offers similar for children aged 2 to 3½ years.

One other program of which Ms. Santos is proud, is run in cooperation with Johnson Park School. There volunteer reader Natalie Cruikshank has become a celebrity with a dedicated parking space all her own. It's a program that Ms. Santos would like to see duplicated at other schools in the Princeton Regional Schools district. All it takes is for members of the community to volunteer their time and talents.

Registration

Registration for all library summer reading clubs begins at 9 a.m. on Thursday, June 15. For more information, call (609) 924-9529, or view www.princetonlibrary.org.

— Linda Arntzenius

THREE GENERATIONS: John McPhee, daughter Martha, and daughter/granddaughter Livia were on hand last Sunday for a book signing after a joint reading at the Princeton Public Library, at which Mr. McPhee read from his new book, "Uncommon Carriers," after Ms. McPhee read from her new novel, "L'America." *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

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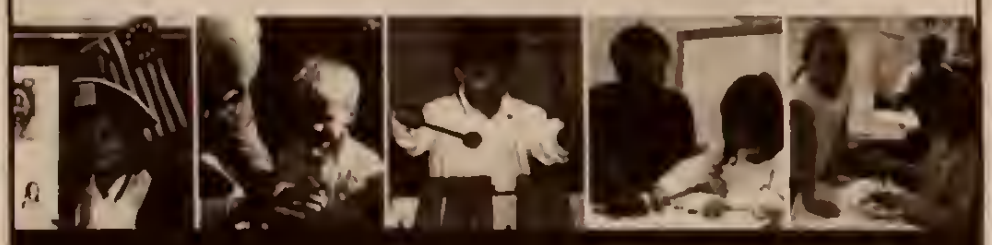

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Princeton Public Library Summer Program Details

There will be an abundance of summer reading clubs and special programs at Princeton Public Library this year, including even one for newborns through age 4.

With the addition of the new group, the library now has summer reading clubs for every age, along with a full schedule of programs for every interest.

Registration for summer reading clubs begins on Thursday, June 15 at 9 a.m. Each club will feature a system under which participants can earn prizes for reading or listening to audiobooks. Parents and children participating in Wee Reads, the newborn-to-four club, will be able to take part in 50 age-appropriate early literacy activities, including reading books, sharing songs and nursery rhymes and finger plays, and visiting the library. For completing 25 activities, the parent-children teams will receive a coupon redeemable for an ice cream sundae at Thomas Sweet. After all activities are completed, they will receive a board book.

The new club grew out of Every Child Ready to Read, a national initiative that focuses on building pre-reading skills in young people. "Wee Reads was the last piece in our puzzle," said Leslie Burger, library director. "We can now truly say that readers and pre-readers of all ages and interests will find a club that suits them. And for those who aren't joiners, we have a wide variety of programs with authors and poets, three new film series and music that ranges from opera to rock. There will be something for everyone here."

The traditional summer reading club for children ages 5-11 has an animal-focused theme this year, Paws, Claws, Scales, and Tales. Upon registering, children will receive a reading record, time chart and a bookmark and pencil. As they read, they receive incentives that include five different stickers, a button, tattoo, ice cream sundae coupon, and other novelties.

A series of animal-inspired programs will include Stubby the Elephant, June 27 at 10:30 a.m., Mammal Mania with Travis Gale, July 6 at 4 p.m., Strange World of Reptiles, August 8 at 4 p.m., and Working Animals, August 10 at 4 p.m.

As part of the Teen Read Summer club, students entering grades 6 to 12 are invited to submit book reviews either online or in person to become eligible to win weekly drawings for prizes donated by area merchants and organizations. Teens who read for 25 hours will be awarded an ice cream sundae coupon from Thomas Sweet. Teen volunteers will also be in evidence at the library helping with the summer reading clubs.

A slate of special programs for teens includes OnBOARD Films, a series of screenings of movies related to surfing, skateboarding, and snowboarding July 11 to 16; the Princeton Student Film and Video Festival July 20 at 7 p.m.; and the series Wild About Harry, which features an August 1 screening of *Harry and Hendersons*; the return of Harry Potter Trivia on August 2 and Tales of Harry Houdini and Other Mysteries of the Unknown on August 3, all at 4:30 p.m.

A new feature of Book Lovers, the summer reading club for adults, is an interactive Web site for posting and responding to book reviews, http://booklovers.pbwiki.com. For every book review they submit via the Web or using a paper form, members will have the chance to win prizes donated by local merchants, plus autographed copies of books.

Highlights of programming for adults are Monday Mystery and Mayhem, a new series of 7 p.m. film screenings and appearances by authors David Campbell, July 17, Ann Waldron, July 24 and Pamela Thomas-Graham, August 14; three film series, including the new P.O.V. Previews, which presents films from the award-winning documentary series prior to their public television air dates; two 7:30 p.m. programs previewing the summer opera offerings of the Princeton Festival, June 15, and New Jersey Opera Theater, June 21; and appearances by poets Betty Lies and Richard St. John, June 28 at 7:30 p.m.

A full schedule of library programs is in Connections, the quarterly newsletter available at the library or online at www.princetonlibrary.org/connections.

All Princeton Public Library programs are free and open to the public. When programs require registration, preference is given to library cardholders. The library is in the Sands Library Building at 65 Witherspoon St. in Princeton Borough. Special assistance is available for library customers with disabilities. Those with special needs should contact the library 48 hours before any program to arrange for accommodations. Call (609) 924-9529.

For more information on library programs and services, visit www.princetonlibrary.org.

WHEN CAN WE GO TO THE LIBRARY, DAD?: Gregory Licholai with his children Gregory, Jr. and Sasha spending time at the Princeton Public Library last Saturday morning. It's a favorite outing for Gregory who attends Princeton Day School and is a keen beginning reader. Gregory frequently prompts his Dad for a return visit to the library. Sasha is getting into it too.

(Photo by Linda Arntzenius)

SUMMER SCHEDULING: Allison Santos, assistant in the Youth Services and Young Adults library at the Princeton Public Library, introducing teen volunteers to their staffing responsibilities at a Teen Orientation on Saturday. The volunteers will staff the library's summer reading programs. Ms. Santos, who is in charge of volunteer scheduling still finds a use for the old fashioned visual calendar, although it takes a spreadsheet, she said, to really get to grips with the challenge of assigning hours to almost 120 volunteers.

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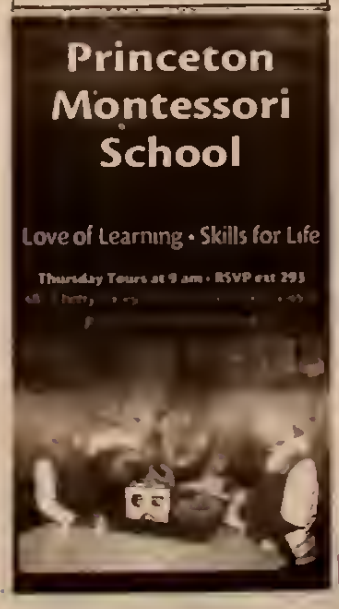

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Tho masks we woar on Halloween, wo can take olf at the ond of the evoning. The personality masks that hide who we are become harder to tako off as each yoar passes, as if we begin to bolieve the web of lies that we have been spinning. Hence, my advice is to take your mask off, realizing that your truo soll is far more beautiful than any mask, no matter how bejowoled it may be.

Here are but a few examples of masks people wear everyday:

1. **The Snob:** This person puts himsell up by putting you down. They narcissistically throw in your face the fact that they live on the right street, drive the right car, or know the right people, tho not-so-subtle implication being that you do not! They often define thomselves by what they have vs. who they ere.

2. **The Workeholic:** This person dofines selt by what they do vs. who they aro, compulsively working long hours due to feeling short on solf-osloem. They endlessly lell you about how much they have accomplished on their job, whal their title is, how many people are under them, or how much thoy make, the implication being that the firm would fold without them. They have a hard time relaxing, taking work homo with them, and oven converting fun into work, wanting to shoot the lowest score in golf so as to feel high.

3. **Mecho Man:** This person hides their lear of you by making you scared ot thom. This is yestorday's bully from grade school, who today controls by making you feel uncomlorlable, perhaps by yelling or being "in your face" during an argument. When poople back down, they feel powerful. Bul, whon people back away, especially a spouse, their parenoid fear of rejection shows itself in jealous accusations ol infidelily, and *a* cynical worldview that is a definile "lurn off". The more assertive the spouse becomos, the moro abusivo tho behavior becomes, often escalating to slapping and hitting.

4. **The Mertyr:** This person manipulates by leelings, drawing such a "poor me" picture, thal you find yourself drawn to doing lhings for them. However, aflor lhe 6th crisis in 2 weeks, you duck when you see lhem coming, as you see them as a "boltomless pit" of need. As we alf want lo help others, lhis person then just moves on to the next "sucker", never realizing lhat lhey do not have to act sad to become happy.

5. **Shy Guy:** This person avoids social situations, having to be dragged to a party, where thoy hover on the lringe of conversations, studying people to discover who is "safe". If either slightly rebufted or ignored, they retreat to their corner, complaining enough until their spouse agrees to go home. While very talented, they often put themselves down, and are overly dismayed if they make a public mistake, each goof reinforcing the decision to hang back tor fear of embarrassment.

6. **The Clinger:** Someone who judges him or herself to be weak, and accordingly, clings to someone else whom they think is strong. They passively allow this person lo make important declsions for them, such es buying a house or car, or determining to which school the children will go. Instead of depending on a mythical hero, they need to discover their inner worth, and nervously & gradualfy stand on their own two feel.

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Calendar

Wednesday, June 14

Noon: Spirit of Princeton Flag Day Ceremony; Township Municipal Complex.

Noon: Drumthwacket Tour. Every Wednesday. For reservations, call (609) 683-0057.

2 and 8 p.m.: *Urinetown;* Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

7 p.m.: Screening and panel discussion of *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio;* Princeton Public Library.

Thursday, June 15

6 p.m.: Arts Council Summer Concert with Animus fusion band; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board of Princeton; Township Municipal Complex.

8 p.m.: *A Stone Carver;* Mill Hill Playhouse, Trenton. Also Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m.

8 p.m.: *Wait Until Dark;* Hamilton Murray Theater, Murray-Dodge Hall. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Symphonic Band Spring Concert; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Free.

8 p.m.: *The Lost Five Years;* Open Air Theatre, Washington Crossing State Park, Pennington. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

Friday, June 16

10 a.m.: *Little Red Riding Hood;* Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 10:30 a.m.

7 p.m.: Screening of X-Men; Princeton Public Library. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Preview of Princeton Festival production of *Madame Butterfly;* Princeton Public Library. Free.

8 p.m.: Out of Order; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: Folksingers Bliggins & Goines; Kilmer Park, New Brunswick.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians Don McEnery and Maria Walsh; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency Hotel. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

9 p.m.: Thomas Sweet Outdoor Cinema, *Bobe;* Palmer Square. Free.

Saturday, June 17

6:30 p.m.: "Pops at the Pub" with Rick Fiore Jazz Quartet; Halo Pub, Hulfish Street.

7 p.m.: Darla Rich Quartet; Hopewell Valley Bistro, Hopewell.

7 p.m.: West Windsor Arts Council Summer Solstice Poetry readings; tent behind Panera Bread, Nassau Park Pavilion, Route 1. Free.

9 p.m.: Thomas Sweet Outdoor Cinema, *2001: A Space Odyssey;* Pettoranello Gardens Amphitheater, Community Park North. Free.

Sunday, June 18

11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m.: Estate Park and Nature Tour; Duke Farms, Hillsborough. For reservations call (908) 722-3700.

4 p.m.: Steinway Society Musicale with pianist Luiz Simas; Recital Hall of Jacobs Music, 2540 Brunswick Pike, Lawrenceville.

7 p.m.: The Temptations and The Four Tops; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Monday, June 19

11 a.m. (Registration): Princeton Family YMCA third annual "Big Kids Playing for Little Kids" Golf Outing; Hopewell Valley Golf Club, Hopewell.

Tuesday, June 20

8 a.m.: Borough Merchants for Princeton, "Ten Ways to Stop Putting Yourself Out of Business"; Nassau Inn.

Noon: Concerts on the Landing Series, with Ernie White and Tom Roeck Acoustic Duo; War Memorial, Trenton.

7:30 p.m.: Brazilian singer-guitarist Badi Assad; Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, Pa. Free.

8 p.m.: Princeton University Summer Concert with The American String Quartet; Richardson Auditorium. Free.

Wednesday, June 21

7:30 p.m.: New Jersey Opera Theater concert preview; Princeton Public Library. Free.

8 p.m.: *The Lost Five Years;* Open Air Theatre, Washington Crossing State Park, Pennington. Also Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 8 p.m.

9 p.m.: Thomas Sweet Outdoor Cinema, *The Graduate;* Pettoranello Gardens Amphitheater, Community Park North. Free.

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Wednesday, June 14:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
2:00 p.m. Group Drumming; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:30 p.m. Children of Aging Parents; SPB.
4:45 p.m. Memoirs; SC.

Thursday, June 15:
9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too!; RC.
1:00 p.m. Art Studio; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Library Live; RC.

Friday, June 16:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
11:30 a.m. Chair Exercise; SPB.
12:00 p.m. Brown Bag: Reverse Mortgages; SPB.

Saturday, June 17:
2:00 p.m. Cotton Club; SPB.

Monday, June 19:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:30 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:00 p.m. Bereavement; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Tuesday, June 20:
9:00 a.m. Blood Pressure; RC.
10:00 a.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB
2:00 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, June 21:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m. Blood Pressure; SC.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
2:00 p.m. Group Drumming; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:45 p.m. Memoirs; SC.

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James A. Michener Art Museum

Marching Up the Avenue With Irving Berlin

As arranged by guest curator David Leopold, "Show Business: Irving Berlin in Hollywood" at the James A. Michener Museum in Doylestown is the equivalent of a big, colorful scrapbook stuffed with words, images, and music. I hope I'm wrong, but my guess is that the peopfe who come to the exhibit wilf mainly be card-carrying seniors or movie buffs who already know the great songs of the Porters, Kerns, Gershwins, Berlins, most likely from having seen classic Hollywood musicals fike the ones featured in this show. If you want to be cynicaf, you could say that a museum is the right place for this music. It's been 90 years since Berfin's first big hit, "Alexander's Ragtime Band," swept the nation. So is this music dated? All I know is that when I left the museum I was practically marching in step with that song, and by the time I got to the car I was whistfing "There's No Business Like Show Business." Regardless of their age, Berlin's signature anthemic songs still communicate the sort of spirited energy that makes you want to join a parade. He's generafly considered the Great American Songwriter ("Irving Berlin *is* American music," Jerome Kern once said) because of nationaf landmarks like "White Christmas," "Easter Parade," and "God Bless America."

What ultimately makes this exhibit more than a glorified coflection of memorabilia (facsimile scripts, letters, drafts of lyrics written on postal telegraph forms and hotel stationery, movie posters, sheet music) is the presence of the music itself in the form of film clips continuously running on a wide-screen television monitor.

The Show Comes to Life

After touring the rooms, which are divided according to time-periods, beginning with 1888 to 1926 (the composer died at 101 in 1989), I sat down in front of the television monitor thinking I might watch one or two of the clips of scenes from various movies featuring Berlin's songs. I was still sitting there nine numbers fater and would have stayed for more if not for the prospect of a long, rainy, rush-hour drive back to Princeton. A clip from the 1937 film *On the Avenue* shows Dick Powell in his cherubic pre-hard-boiled-private-eye period crooning "I've Got My Love to Keep Me Warm," one of my favorite Berlin songs, at least when it's sung by someone who can deliver its rousing, joyous, the worfd-is-my-oyster enthusiasm. Unfortunately, Powell is too busy handing his evening outerwear to his valet ("Off with my overcoat, off with my gfoves") to put it over. The song needs a singer like the young Ethel Merman, who takes "rousing" to another level in the next clip as she befts out the title song from *Alexander's Rogtime Band* (1938) at the center of one of those classic, extravagantly staged Hollywood fantasies. Better yet is the usually brash and brassy Betty Hutton softly, almost shyly, rendering "There's No Business Like Show Business" from Annie Get Your Gun (1945). Though she begins in a whisper, soon enough she's doing full-throated justice to this typically up-up-up-upbeat celebration of its subject; if there was such a thing as a show biz army, this is the song the troops would sing. Another Betty Hutton gem from the same movie is "Doin' What Comes Nat'urly." In a photocopied letter on display, Berlin recounts the time he tofd Oscar Hammerstein he doubted he was up to writing the "hillbiily lyrics" required for Annie Get Your Gun, and Hammerstein told him "All you have to do is drop the 'g's." Later that night Berlin wrote, "Doin' What Comes Nat'urly."

BERLIN'S BOWERY: Irving Berlin began his career as a singing waiter at the Pelham Caté on the Bowery. The Michener exhibit, "Show Business: Irving Berlin in Hollywood," incfudes "The Bowery at Night" by W. Louis Sonntag, Jr., painted fn 1895. Also on view is a photo ot the Pelham Café, which was known as the "Thieves' Algonquin." Berlin improvfsed otten risqué parodies of the songs of the day, and when two singing waiters from a rival cate had a hit with an Italian number, Pelham's piano player composed a piece along the same lines for which Berlin wrote the lyrics. It became his first song, "Marie trom Sunny Italy," and earned him 37 cents.

The "Couple of Swells" number shown at the Michener, in which Judy Garland and Fred Astaire are vaudevifle tramps who can't afford to "drive" or "saif" or "ride" up the Avenue ("so we'll *wofk* up the avenue, yes we'll *walk* up the avenue"), was so charming I wanted to see it again (as the chorus builds from "walk" to "walk," the two bums strut: it's another spirited Berlin march). So I checked out the Princeton library's DVD of the musical, billed as Irving Berlin's *Easter Porade* (1948). Among the special features of this edition is a documentary on the making of the movie that shows just how "big" Berlin was and why his name is above the title, a privilege usually reserved for elite directors. One advantage of the DVD is you can do what the museum does and jump from song to song, number to number, without having to sit through all of *Easter Parade*, which lacks the class and sparkle of a great Berlin/Astaire/Rogers showcase like *Top Hat*. An additional feature shows Judy Garland singing one take after another of a whimsical number called "Mr. Monotony" that was eventually dropped from the final print in spite of Garland's heartfelt performance. Lines like "Any pleasant Interlude that would mean a change of mood/Didn't go with Mister Monotony" and "Sometimes he would change the key/ But the same dull mefody would emerge from Mister Monotony" reflect the composer's awareness of the key element that makes his music the antithesis of monotony. Another Berlin song, "He Ain't Got Rhythm," delivers the same message; without rhythm, he's "the loneliest man in town." Berlin began as a singing waiter, after all, moving as he sang; according to a fellow employee quoted in Philip Furia's biography, *Irving Berlin: A Life in Song*, "he'd keep moving around easy, singing all the time" and "every time a nickel would drop he'd put his toe on it and kick it or nurse it to a certain spot." Even before he was writing songs, it seems that Berlin's gift for rhythm paid off, and when he brought together ragtime and marchtime a few years later in "Alexander's Ragtime Band" (1915), the payoff was enormous: it proved to be the biggest hit in musical history up to that point, the first of 35 number one hits from a man who could neither write nor read music and ended up composing (or at least copyrighting) 899 songs.

One of the numbers shown on the Michener monitor features the composer himself singing in his hoarse tenor "Oh How I Hate to Get Up in the Morning" from *This is the Army* (1943). It's a touching, almost Chaplinesque performance. Berlin has one of those voices that becomes charming simply by virtue of its humility, a quality apparently not limited to his abilities as a singer. For all his renown as a master of the art of songwriting, he was acutely sensitive to criticism. He almost trashed "There's No Business Like Show Business" when he tried it out on a colleague (Josh Logan) whose silence he misread as indifference. On display at the Michener is a photocopied letter from Oscar Hammerstein describing Berlin's manner when trying out a new song: he was "so nervous and excited... that he fell off the piano stool twice — got so out of breath he had to stop in the middle of a couple of songs to keep from, choking."

Oscar Hammerstein was only one of the American musical theatre legends who resided in Bucks County. In fact, there's actually a Berlin/Michener connection. Irving Berlin's theme song for the movie of James A. Michener's novel *Sayonara* was the last fifm work he was to do.

—Stuart Mitchner

The Jomes A. Michener Art Museum is located ot 138 South Pine Street, Doylestown. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturdoy, 10 o.m. to 5 p.m.; Sundoy, noon to 5 p.m. Admission *for members ond children under six, free; general odmission $6.50, student (with current ID) $4, senior citizens age 60 ond older $6. There is a $4 chorge for this exhibition in oddition to regular odmission.*

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Arts Council to Present Landscapes, Plantscapes

The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center will host an opening reception, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., June 22 for "Landscapes and Plantscapes," a painting and ceramic exhibition featuring works by local artists Mary M. Michaels and Janet Felton. During the opening, Executive Director Linda Mead, from the D and R Greenway Land Trust, will talk about open space conservation in Princeton and surrounding areas. The exhibition will be on display in the conTEMPORARY Gallery through July 22.

Nature is the primary subject for both artists. Ms. Michaels's painted landscapes of tranquil settings complement the petals and plant forms in Felton's ceramics.

Mary M. Michaels turns to her own backyard for inspiration, painting landscapes in Hopewell Valley. "Some people travel miles to find picturesque scenery and quiet retreats in nature, but I know that our very own Hopewell Valley is filled with such delights," the artist said. "I choose to concentrate much of my work on these vistas, many of which have been preserved through regional land trusts."

Ms. Michaels received a B.F.A. in art education from the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore. She has taught art at several schools in Pennsylvania and Maryland, and currently lives in New Jersey where she is a senior project director and instructor for Human Factors International, a consulting firm specializing in user-centered design.

Janet Felton's ceramic plant vessels pay homage to what she calls the "elegance and subtlety of our living environment." Each piece references the delicate presence of flowers and plant forms. Felton's inspiration is derived from a sense of awe and joy reminiscent of her childhood fascination with nature. "I still find myself enchanted by the intricacy and grace of the diminutive living world. Like a child, I am drawn to contemplate the tiny forms that dwell in nature."

Ms. Felton received a B.F.A. from Arcadia University in Glenside, Pennsylvania, in 1979. While at Arcadia her major was graphic design with a minor in pottery. She studied clay under internationally known ceramic artist Paula Winokur and has also studied with a number of prominent ceramicists including Kathryn Narrow, Steve Tootell, and Euan Craig. Currently she works as a graphic designer in Princeton as well as an instructor at the Arts Council of Princeton.

The conTEMPORARY Arts Center is located in the Princeton Shopping Center next to Eckerd. For more information please visit www.artscouncilofprinceton.org or call 609-924-8777 ext 105.

"PANSY": June Felton's ceramic art will be part of a June 22-July 22 exhibition with the paintings of Mary M. Michaels at The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center in the Princeton Shopping Center. A 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. June 22 reception will launch the exhibit.

"WILSON ROAD": This landscape by Mary M. Michaels can be seen in "Landscapes and Plantscapes," a painting and ceramic exhibition she's sharing with ceramist Janet Felton. There will be an opening reception, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 22. The exhibition will be on display in the conTEMPORARY Gallery at the The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center from June 22 through July 22.

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"CORNERSTONE": This work was created by mural artist Kathi Scholz Fertig, who will be teaching two weekend classes (June 24 and 25 and July 15 and 16) this summer at Mercer County Community College. The "Mural Painting Intensive Weekends" run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each weekend.

'TENANT'S HOUSE AND TRACKS": This oil painting will be on view in "Poetry in Design: The Art of Harry Leith-Ross," an exhibition set to run through October 1 in the Della Penna Gallery at the James A. Michener Art Museum in New Hope.

Mural Painting Weekends Scheduled at MCCC

ARTWORKS in Trenton will offer two "Mural Painting Intensive Weekends" this summer on June 24 and 25 and July 15 and 16 at Mercer County Community College. The classes run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Students will learn about the process of developing and creating murals, from the idea stage to the final product. According to Tricia Fagan, ARTWORKS director, "Whether you're a serious artist looking to expand your business opportunities, or a talented amateur interested in learning how to add your own creative touches to your home, this is the class for you!" The course number is XAR232.

Instructor Kathi Scholz Fertig has been a professional artist for over 30 years. Since graduating from the Philadelphia College of Art, she has been a muralist, an art critic, an art professor and a fine arts painter represented by galleries in New Jersey, Philadelphia, New York City, and New Mexico. Since 2002, she has been the proprietor of KSF Designs which offers both faux finishing and custom murals services to clients in several mid-Atlantic states.

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Work of Harry Leith-Ross At New Hope Michener

The James A. Michener Art Museum in New Hope is currently presenting "Poetry in Design: The Art of Harry Leith-Ross," an exhibition about one of the most decorated and prolific Pennsylvania Impressionist artists. Sponsored by Sanford Alderfer Companies, the exhibit will run through October 1 in the Della Penna Gallery.

Mr. Leith-Ross (1886-1973) became renowned for his carefully composed oil paintings and for his watercolor technique. The Michener retrospective features more than 50 works, a full range of his oil paintings and watercolors as well as his Conte crayon drawings.

The exhibit is accompanied by *Poetry In Design*, a new book co-published by the Michener Museum and the University of Pennsylvania Press and authored by associate curator Erika Jaeger-Smith that gathers together the artist's work from major museums and private collections for the first time.

The museum is located at 500 Union Square Drive in New Hope. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: members and children under six, free; general admission, $5, children aged six to 18, $2, senior citizens aged 60 and older, $4.

Family Day for Asian Art At University Art Museum

Performances and art activities will be among the highlights of "Family Day: A Celebration of Asian Culture" at the Princeton University Art Museum on Saturday, June 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Chinese instruments and Japanese Taiko drumming, by the group Taikoza, will be featured. Hands-on activities will include origami, brush painting, and the creation of Japanese screens.

Lunch, consisting of pizza and beverage, will be provided. There is no admission for the four-hour event, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Princeton University Art Museum, the Freeman Foundation, and the Cotsen Children's Library.

The museum is open to the public without charge Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Highlights tours of the collection are given every Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Closed on Monday and major holidays, the museum is located in the center of the Princeton University campus, next to Prospect House and Gardens. For further information, call (609) 258-3788, or visit the museum's web site at www.princetonartmuseum.org.

A HORSE FROM THE HAN DYNASTY: On view in the Princeton University Art Museum's renowned collection of Asian art, this massive horse (red earthenware with green glaze) is from the Eastern Han Dynasty, A.D. 25-A.D. 220. "Family Day: A Celebration of Asian Culture" will be held at the museum on Saturday, June 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPORARY Arts Center, located in the Princeton Shopping Center, is presenting an exhibit featuring the work of photographer Thomas E. Sullivan. "Before Their Time." The show will run through June 17. On June 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. there will be an opening reception for "Landscapes and Plantscapes," a painting and ceramic exhibition featuring works by local artists Mary M. Michaels and Janet Felton. The exhibition will be on display in the conTEMPORARY Gallery from June 22 through July 22. From now through July 7 encaustic paintings by Coleen Tyler will be on view in the conTEMPORARY Arts Center Reading Room. Gallery hours are Monday to Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm, and Saturday, from 10 am to 4 pm.

A.R.T.space Gallery, 53 Hulfish Street in Princeton, A.R.T.space Gallery will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an exhibition, "In The Beginning," featuring the first paintings created using A.R.T.'s revolutionary techniques. The show will run through June 23.

The CG Gallery, 10 Chambers Street in Princeton, is exhibiting miniature oil paintings by Elisabeth Borgerhoff Pomerlau from now through July.

Gallery 125 at 125 South Warren Street in Trenton is celebrating its second anniversary with an exhibit that will run through September 1.

Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street in Hopewell, is presenting an exhibit by photographers Lois Greenfield and Joanna Tully from now through July 9.

Grounds for Sculpture is presenting an exhibit of kinetic sculpture by George Rickey in the museum building that will run through September 24. Toad Hall Shop & Gallery is hosting "Driven: Kinetic Sculpture by Jeff Kahn and Rein Triefeldt" through July 15, 2006. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton. Hours are Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call (609) 586-0616, or visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

The Haas-Muth Gallery in New Hope is presenting "Art in Bloom," an exhibition of the work of Bucks County artists, Leila Bakashvili and Khara Flint, through June 18.

Henderson/Sotheby's International Realty at 34 Chambers Street in Princeton is presenting a retrospective of paintings by Gilda K. Aronovic through June 23. Gallery hours are daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Historical Society of Princeton is currently exhibiting, "U.S. Presidents: Famous Faces in Princeton Places," and "The Windmill Turns Slowly: Photographs of the Updike Farm," on view through summer 2006. Museum hours are Tuesday through Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 921-6748.

The Hunterdon Museum of Art is presenting "Works by Toshiko Takaezu." The show will run through August 20. For more information, call (908) 735-8415.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is presenting a major new exhibit, "Show Business: Irving Berlin's Hollywood" through September 3. "The Heart of Haiti," which features 20 portraits by Philadelphia-area photographer Andrea Baldeck, will run through July 9. "Diane Burko: Flow," featuring 25 of Ms. Burko's works, including paintings and photographs, will run through October 15. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more information, call (215) 340-9800.

"Poetry in Design: The Art of Harry Leith-Ross" will be on view in the Della Penna Gallery at the Michener's New Hope museum at 500 Union Square Drive through October 1.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum is presenting "Piranesi: Architecture of the Eye and Mind" through July 27; "Dialogues: Mexican Modernity," through June 25; "Strange Mr. Satie Comes to the Zimmerli: Children's Book Illustrations by Petra Mathers," through July 16; Soviet Propaganda Posters, Part III, through October 1; "Serialities, Part 2: Repetition and Narrative in Soviet Nonconformist Art," through September 17. "In and Around Dvizhenie (The Movement Group)" will be on view in the Dubrow Galleries through October 8. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. For more information, call (732) 932-7237, ext. 610, or visit www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu.

The Montgomery Center for the Arts will present the Princeton Photography Club's Annual Members Exhibition from now through July 2.

Morven Museum is presenting "Capturing the Spirit: Virginia Snedeker and the American Scene," its first exhibit of fine art, which will run through November 26.

The Present Day Club, 72 Stockton Street in Princeton, is presenting an exhibit by Lambertville landscape painter and gallery owner Gordon Haas through June 30. His paintings of landscapes in Bucks County, the Delaware Valley, and Tuscany can be seen every week day except Wednesday between 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

The Princeton Day School is featuring works by sculptors Dana Stewart, Harry Gordon, and Elizabeth McCue in a recently installed sculpture park on the grounds of the main campus. The display will be on view until June 15. The school is at 650 the Great Road, Princeton.

Princeton High School's Numina Gallery is presenting the Annual Student Exhibition, which will run through June 16

The Princeton Theological Seminary's Erdman Art Gallery will be presenting "When the Photographer is Ready the Lord Buddha will Appear," an exhibit of Paul Grand's photography of Southeast Asian Buddhas and temples through July 21.

The Princeton University Art Museum is presenting "Worldly Guardians of the Buddhist Law," an exhibition of handscrolls on view through July 9. The exhibition, "Andy Warhol: Electric Chair," will run through June 25.

Triumph Brewing Company, 138 Nassau Street in downtown Princeton, is presenting an exhibit of photographs by local artist Wendy Vroom that will run through July 10.

WITH THE ARTIST: Celebrating the current exhibit of Henderson Realty's own artist/realtor Gilda Aronovic, and Jud Henderson(on left) and Matthew Henderson. They are standing in Iront ol one ol Gilda's paintings now on display at the Princeton Borough office of Henderson Sotheby's International Realty at 34 Chambers Street. The exhibit can be seen daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. through June 23.

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Princeton Festival Announces Schedule Of Diverse Concerts

The Princeton Festival has announced that it will return to the campus of The Lawrenceville School for its second season, with a variety of programs running from Saturday, June 24 to Sunday, July 9.

Titled *A Celebration of the Performing Arts*, the 2006 season will include three performances of Puccini's *Madomo Butterfly*, an afternoon of chamber music with the Concordia Chamber Players, jazz with Joe Locke and the Milt Jackson Tribute Band, a semi-staged performance of Gian Carlo's one-act opera *The Old Moid and the Thief*, and an all-Mozari orchestral concert featuring pianist Natalie Zhu with guest conductor Daniel Beckwith.

Charting the vision of The Princeton Festival is Artistic Director Richard Tang Yuk, a member of the music faculty at Princeton University. With its presentation of traditional opera, an orchestral concert, jazz, and chamber music over two weeks, the Festival hopes to come closer to its vision of a multi-disciplinary professional summer arts festival for the greater Princeton community.

The centerpiece of the Festival will be Giacomo Puccini's *Modoma Butterfly*. Shortly after its infamous premiere in Milan in 1904, *Butterfly* was accepted into the general canon of opera and has entertained audiences around the world ever since. It is reputed to have been the composer's favorite work. Heading the professional cast will be the Korean soprano JiYeun ChoLee. Performing the role of the U.S. Naval Lieutenant Pinkerton will be tenor Michael Hayes. The Princeton Festival orchestra will be conducted by Mr. Yuk.

The Festival's opening night on June 24 will be celebrated with a pre-performance gala reception and dinner.

Dr. David Howell of Princeton University will present a free lecture, "Cio-Cio San's Japan," at the Noyes History Center of the Lawrenceville School at 4 p.m. before the opera performance of July 1. Dr. Howell will discuss the cultural context of the young Cio-Cio San as he examines what life must have been like for a young geisha in Nagasaki at the turn of the 20th century.

In collaboration with the Princeton Jazz series Jazz Nights, the Festival will present *An Afternoon of Jazz* with Joe Locke and the Milt Jackson Tribute Band on Sunday, June 25 at Lawrenceville's Clark Music Center at 4 p.m. Mr. Locke is widely recognized as one of the nation's leading jazz vibraphonists.

The second weekend will again feature *Madama Butterfly* in addition to Menotti's *The Old Maid* ond the *Thief* and the Concordia Chamber Players, playing a program of Rachmaninoff, Shostakovich, and Schubert. Gian Carlo Menotti's chamber opera was originally written in 1939 for radio broadcast. The semi-staged performance by the Princeton Festival Young Stars Showcase will be in the Clark Music Center on Saturday, July 1 at 1:30 p.m.

The Festival will continue during the weekend of July 8 and 9, when The Princeton Festival Orchestra, conducted by guest Daniel Beckwith, will present *An Evening of Mozort* on Saturday, July 8 at 8 p.m. Mr. Beckwith has conducted in leading opera houses and concert halls in North America and Europe, beginning his conducting career with *Don Giovonni* at the Metropolitan Opera in 1995. Natalie Zhu, a graduate of the Curtis Institute of Music and winner of several performance awards, will be the featured pianist for the concerto. The Festival will conclude with a final matinee performance of *Modomo Butterfly* on Sunday at 2 p.m.

For a printable map of The Lawrenceville School campus showing the location of the Kirby Arts Center and Clark Music Center, visit www.lawrenceville.org.

For tickets for all events, call (800) 595-4849. For more information, call the Festival at (609) 537-0071 or visit www.princetonfestival.org.

TOURING TRIO: As part of its 38th season, Princeton University Summer Concerts will present the Adaskin Trio, joined by oboist Thomas Gallant, in Richardson Auditorium on Monday, June 26 at 8 p.m. The trio — from left, violinist Emlyn Ngai, violist Steve Larson, and cellist Mark Fraser — has frequently toured Canada and the United States. It takes its name from composer Murray Adaskin, whose works it has often premiered. The concert, which will include works by Beethoven, Fiala, Mozart, and Berkeley, is free.

July Jazz Concert Series Scheduled in Skillman

The Jazz Mentors Program will return to Skillman next month with a series of seminars and concerts featuring such jazz legends as Maynard Ferguson, Phil Woods, John Coates Jr., Lew Tabackin, and The Woody Herman Orchestra, along with Rutgers music professors Mike Richmond and Stanley Cowell. The event will take place at the new Montgomery High School from July 11 to July 14.

The concerts, from 8 to 10 p.m. each night, will follow afternoon seminars led by the artists.

The seminar-concert package, priced at $150, will include a 4 p.m. concert for the students, workshops with the performers from 4:30 to 6 p.m., a catered dinner in the atrium cafeteria from 6 to 7 p.m., reception with the artists from 7 to 7:30 p.m., public concert at 8 p.m., and a Jazz Mentors T-shirt.

The concert schedule will be as follows:

Tuesday, July 11, Lew Tabackin, Billy Hart, and Rutgers professors Mike Richmond and Stanley Cowell.

Wednesday, July 12, Phil Woods and John Coates Jr.

Thursday, July 13, Maynard Ferguson and guest artists.

Friday, July 14, The Woody Herman Orchestra under the direction of Frank Tiberi.

Concert tickets for the public will be $20 for adults, $15 for students and seniors.

For registration or ticket orders, call (888) 466-0603 or visit www.jazzmentors.com.

The Montgomery High School is located at 1016 Route 601, Skillman.

Public Library to Host Summer Opera Previews

The Princeton Public Library will host previews of the summer seasons of two Princeton-area opera companies beginning this Friday, June 16 at 7:30 p.m., when the Princeton Festival previews its production of *Modame Butterfly*. On Wednesday, June 21 at 7:30 p.m., New Jersey Opera Theater will present a program titled Four Comedies of *Love*.

At the Princeton Festival event, Richard Pang Yuk, the festival's artistic director, will present principals singing selections from *Madame Butterfly*, Giacomo Puccini's story of the doomed love between an American sailor and a geisha. The opera, which opens June 24, will be the inaugural production for the festival, which will present traditional and lesser-known works at the Kirby Arts Center at the Lawrenceville School.

New Jersey Opera Theater singers will preview the four operas featured in its SummerFest series: Mozart's *Cosi Fon Tutte*, Donizetti's *L'Elisir d'Amore*, Puccini's *Gianni Schicci*, and Michael Ching's *Buoso's Ghost*, which will receive its East Coast orchestral premiere this summer. The NJOT season will open July 7; all of the company's productions will be at McCarter Theatre. NJOT will also present two free concerts of musical theater selections June 30 and July 1 at 8:30 in Pettoranello Gardens.

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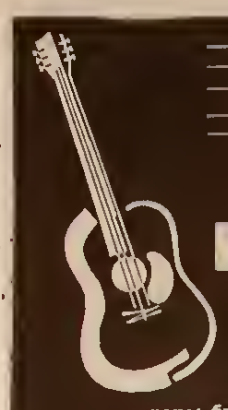

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New Jersey Opera Theater Sets Masterclass Schedule

New Jersey Opera Theater (NJOT) has announced its masterclass schedule for the SummerFest 2006 season, which runs from June 20 through July 23. The presenters will include Michael Ching, composer of *Buoso's Ghost* and Artistic Director of Opera Memphis; soprano Sharon Sweet; tenor Allan Glassman; and Jim Caraher, Artistic Director of Indianapolis Opera. All classes are free and open to the public; no reservations are necessary.

The SummerFest masterclasses will feature performances from a variety of voice types, with the artists performing arias they have prepared in advance. Following each singer, the presenter will offer advice on how to improve the performances, covering ornamentation, articulation, phrasing, vibrato, and other issues. The singers then have the opportunity to perform their pieces again, incorporating what they have learned.

The classes will be held in Princeton University's Woolworth Building unless otherwise noted. The schedule is as follows: Mr. Ching on Tuesday, June 20 from 2 to 5 p.m.; Ms. Sweet on Sunday, June 25 from 7 to 10 p.m.; Brent McMunn, USC Music Director, New York City Opera, on Wednesday, July 5 from 7 to 10 p.m.; Charlie Riecker, Metropolitan Opera administrator, on Thursday, July 6 from 7 to 10 p.m.; Mr. Glassman on Wednesday, July 12 from 7 to 10 p.m.; and baritone Steven Condy on Thursday, July 13 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Also, Mr. Caraher on Friday, July 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McCarter Theater; Scott Altman, Artistic Director, New Jersey Opera Theater, on Tuesday, July 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McCarter; Ana Archuleta, artist manager, on Wednesday, July 19 from 10 a.m. to noon at McCarter; Thomas Bagwell, accompanist for the Metropolitan Opera and Nashville Opera, on Wednesday, July 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. at McCarter; and Margaret Cusack, Westminster Choir College voice teacher, on Thursday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at McCarter . The presenter for the final class on Friday, July 21 from noon to 3 p.m. at McCarter Theater remains to be determined.

Michael Ching

At the June 20 masterclass with Mr. Ching NJOT will present his opera *Buoso's Ghost* as part of a double bill along with Giacomo Puccini's *Gianni Schicchi*. Mr. Ching's comedy, a sequel to *Schicchi*, was written in 1996. During the masterclass, Mr. Ching will work with the SummerFest artists on scenes from his opera. Audiences will be able to see the work on stage the following month with the same performers at McCarter's Berlind Theatre.

For more information on the masterclass series or NJOT's SummerFest offerings, call (609) 799-7700 or visit www.NJOT.org.

American String Quartet To Open Summer Concerts

The 38th season of Princeton University Summer Concerts will open Tuesday, June 20 at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium with the American String Quartet. The program will include Mozart's *String Quartet No. 23 in F Major*, and Brahms' *String Quartet Opus 51, No. 2.*

The American String Quartet is currently celebrating its 30th anniversary year. Highlighting the anniversary is the Quartet's debut in a new series of recordings including quartets of Richard Danielpour and the launch of the Complete Brahms' String Chamber Music. The Quartet's presentations of the complete quartets of Beethoven, Schubert, Schoenberg, Bartok, and Mozart have earned them critical acclaim.

The Quartet's members are violinists Peter Winograd and Laurie Carney, violist Daniel Avshalomov, and cellist Wolfram Koessel. Together they have won many residencies in recent years, including "Beethoven the Contemporary" at the University of Michigan and "The Six Mozart Viola Quintets" at the Aspen Music Festival. This year they completed a four-year cycle at Princeton University, where they performed the complete quintets and sextets of Mozart and Brahms.

Other Summer Concert performances will be by the Adaskin Trio, with guest oboist Thomas Gallant on Monday, June 26; the Borealis String Quartet on Thursday, July 6; and the Sequenza Trio on Friday, July 14. All of the concerts are free and take place at 8 p.m. in Richardson Auditorium.

Tickets will be available at 6:30 p.m. at the Richardson box office. For more information about tickets for those with disabilities, call (609) 631-7884.

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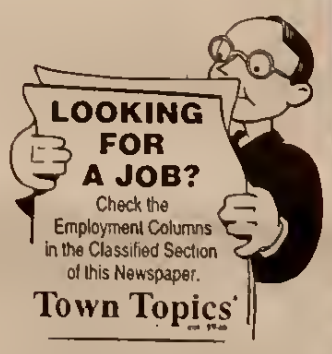

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Mr. Mennella will be accompanied by pianist Dick Braytenbah, bassist Frank Herrera, and drummer Jack Ross.

A Trenton native, Mr. Mennella will offer renditions of Sinatra standards that he has been singing for several decades, in the process recreating a time when music filled restaurants and night clubs across the country. Citing Sinatra, Tony Bennett, and Mel Torme as his major influences, Mr. Mennella began his professional singing career almost 50 years ago in Seaside Heights. After joining the Air Force, he served in special services as an entertainer sitting in with the Louis Armstrong and Charlie Barnett touring bands. When he returned to civilian life, he performed with a group in Trenton's Tremont Lounge that included Mr. Braytenbah on piano, Elmer Nemeth on bass, and Tony DiNicola on drums. He has also toured with popular big band leader Art Mooney.

Tony Mennella

Along with performing, Mr. Mennella has been an adjunct faculty member at Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa., teaching aspiring singers the nuances of jazz vocal performance.

The performance will have a $15 minimum per person and community seating for parties under six. Reservations are recommended.

For more information visit www.hopewellvalleybistro.com or call (609) 802-1463.

Trinity Church Teen Choir Heips Honor 9/11 Firemen

The Teen Choir of Princeton's Trinity Church joined former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and other dignitaries at a New York City ceremony last Sunday, June 11, honoring the 343 FDNY firefighters who died at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The ceremony took place at Ten House, home of New York City's Fire Department Engine Company Number Ten/ Ladder 10, at the corner of Liberty and Greenwich, across the street from the former World Trade Center.

The firefighters were honored with a formal memorial presentation to the Fire Department of the City of New York. The memorial, a 57-foot long, 6-foot-high solid bronze bas relief sculpture, was designed and executed by Rambusch Studios and cast in Brooklyn. It depicts the rescue effort and lists the names of all Fire Department members lost on September 11, along with a timeline of major milestone events surrounding the tragedy.

Participants in the ceremony also included New York's fire commissioner, the FDNY Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, and firefighter Frank Pizzaro, who sang the National Anthem.

Jovi Tenev, a member of Trinity Church, parent of a chorister, and partner in the New York City law firm Holland+Knight, LLP, arranged for Trinity's choir to participate in the ceremonies. "Our firm commissioned the memorial as a tribute to the FDNY members who died," he said, "and in honor of Glenn J. Winuk, a volunteer firefighter for 20 years who was killed in the collapse of the South Tower, where he had gone to assist after our own offices were evacuated."

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THE BARD RULES: Vice-President of Palmer Square Management David Newton doing the honors as master of ceremonies at Sunday's "Shakespeare in the Square" poetry event. Co-emcee for the proceedings, which included readings of scenes, sonnets, and anecdotes, was the Princeton Rep Shakespeare Festival's Alexandra Hoge. *(Photo by E.J. Greenblat)*

New Marvin Cheiten Play To Have Premiere Here

Miss Connections, a new comedy by Princeton playwright Marvin Harold Cheiten that will play at the Hamilton Murray Theatre in August, will hold auditions here on Saturday, July 1. All roles are open in a cast of five that includes a teenage girl and four adults — two men and two women — over the age of 30.

Those interested in auditioning are asked to send a picture and resume to ICI, 1110 Hacienda Place No. 102, West Hollywood, Calif. 90069 no later than June 24.

The production will also need technical and support staff to work backstage or on sets and costumes. Those interested should also contact ICI.

A contemporary comedy set in Princeton, *Miss Connections* will be directed by Dan Berkowitz, who has directed many productions at the theater including last summer's *Zenobio*. The August 17 through 20 run of *Miss Connections* on the Princeton University campus will be the play's world premiere.

Dance Troupe to Present Concert at Yvonne Theater

Teamwork Dance will present an evening of new choreography to live music on Friday, June 23 at 8 p.m. at the Yvonne Theater on Rider University's Lawrenceville campus. Director Mary Pat Robertson of Princeton will be joined by choreographers Mary Barton of Lawrenceville, Janell Byrne of Princeton, and Helena Froehlich.

Teamwork Dance began in 1981 as a showcase for dancers and choreographers in the Princeton area.

Ms. Robertson is returning to independent choreography after several years of commissions by Opera Festival of New Jersey. She has provided dances for many operas, including *Postcard from Morocco*, *Orfeo ed Euridice*, and *The Merry Widow*. Her new dance, a humorous pastorale called *A Day in the Country*, will be performed to sections of Haydn's oratorio, *The Seasons*, with Jonathan Benjamin accompanying singers from Westminster Choir College. Mary Barton and Douglas Martin, former principal dancers with the Joffrey Ballet and American Repertory Ballet, will be featured in this work.

Ms. Barton will also present a solo, *Minuet*, and a new work, a duet to the music of Chopin, also to be played by Mr. Benjamin.

Ms. Froehlich, a native of France, danced professionally in France, Germany, and New York in both the Ballet du Rhin and La Compagnie National de Danse Contemporaine, among others. Since then she has lived and performed in the San Francisco Bay area, Hawaii, Princeton, and Boston. Currently a teacher at Boston Ballet School, she will return to Princeton for this performance, which will include a solo to the music of Purcell, and two duets.

Ms. Byrne, one of the founding members of Teamwork Dance, will contribute a dance entitled *Ropt*, featuring Ms. Barton and Darby Wilde. A graduate of the Juilliard School, Ms. Byrne has presented her choreography in the area since 1980, with Teamwork Dance and in her capacity as director of Mercer County Community College's Mercer Dance Ensemble.

Additional dancers scheduled to perform in the concert include Emily Byrne, Stephen Campanella, Eoin Gaj, Jennifer Gladney, Jennifer Santos-Kraft, and Casey Thorne. Singers will be Shane Magargal, Sarah Moulton, and Natalie Margulies.

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The Lost Five Yeors, a musical love story spanning five years, will begin a two-week run tomorrow at the Open Air Theatre at Washington Crossing State Park in Pennington. Performances will be Thursday, June 15, through Saturday, June 17, then Wednesday, June 21 through Saturday, June 24, all at 8 p.m.

Written by Tony-winner Jason Robert Brown, *The Last Five Yeors* examines the joys and heartaches of a contemporary couple who grapple with a story as old as time. Their journey offers a reminder that it is better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all.

The play's creative structure is unusual. First, the story is told simultaneously from two different points of view — his and hers. Then it unfolds at opposite ends of the time spectrum. For the male character, Jamie, the story begins on the night of their first date, and moves forward. For

Rosalie Burke

Cathy, the play begins with the breakup of the five-year relationship and moves progressively backwards to the night of the first date. The role of Cathy will be played by Rosalie Burke, the role of Jamie by Sean Killeen.

The show will feature a six-piece string ensemble accompanying its ballads, comic novelty numbers, and musical narrative.

For ticket information, call (609) 737-1826 or visit www.oatnj.org.

"Films with a Bite" Series Resumes at Public Library

The Princeton Public Library's Films with a Bite series will kick off its summer schedule on Thursday, June 22, with screenings of *Venetion Dilemma: City or Theme Park* at noon and 1 p.m. in the first floor Community Room. The film, by Richard and Carole Rifkind, portrays a Venice in crisis, a city in which a dwindling residential population is drowning in a sea of visitors that now tops 14 million a year.

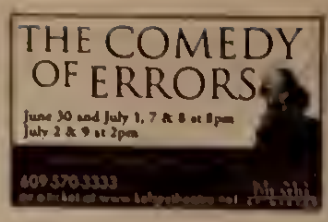
Venetian Dilemma profiles three residents who are working to save the soul of the city of fabled canals, fairy-tale bridges, and monuments. Paolo, an environmentalist, opposes the speeding motorboats that destroy the foundations of the city's buildings while transporting tourists. Produce vendor Danilo wages a lonely battle against city officials who condemn his kiosk. And Michela, a career woman and mother, presses the city to help its young families, which she believes are the last best hope of preventing Venice from becoming an urban theme park.

Audience members are invited to bring a lunch or purchase lunch in the library's Open Book Café to enjoy during the 56-minute film.

The series will continue on Wednesday, July 26 at noon and 1 p.m. with *Slow Food Revolution*, Carmelo Musca's film chronicling the spread of the Slow Food Movement from Italy to 45 countries. The movement seeks to protect traditional culture, the environment, and biodiversity by encouraging regional food production.

The final summer offering in the series, *The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill*, tells the story of Mark Bittner, a former street musician in San Francisco who finds meaning in life while tending to a flock of green and white parrots. The 83-minute film by director Judy Irving will screen August 24 at noon.

All of the screenings are free and open to the public.



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Pictured (from top): Philadelphia German Brass Band, Animus, George Menikas

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CINEMA REVIEW — *A Prairie Home Companion*

Radio Show Arrives Onscreen Courtesy of Robert Altman

Since its debut on Minnesota Public Radio on July 6, 1974, *A Prairie Home Companion* has entertained millions of fans with its mix of folksy music, offbeat advertisements for imaginary sponsors, and homespun monologues, all emanating from Lake Wobegon, the mythical Midwest "town that time forgot." In truth, the show is broadcast from the stage of St. Paul's Fitzgerald Theater, which has served as the home base for the popular National Public Radio series. Currently airing Saturday evenings on over 500 stations across the country, as well as in Europe and the Far East, the program is hosted by originator/scriptwriter Garrison Keillor, a storyteller with a gift for crafting affectionate portraits of rural Americana. His droll sense of humor and deadpan delivery have stimulated the imaginations of audiences fond of his nostalgic brand of radio theater.

IT'S SHOW TIME!: Meryl Streep (center) and Lindsay Lohan (right) perform a number under the watchful eye of Garrison Keillor in the episode of 'A Prairie Home Companion' that is shown in the movie version of the radio program.

(Photo by Melinda Sue Gordon)

In contemplating a movie version of *A Prairie Home Companion*, Keillor had to decide whom to entrust with adapting his creation to a film. The perfect pick turned out to be seven-time Oscar-nominee Robert Altman.

Altman's approach to moviemaking is evidenced by the character driven plot executed by an ensemble that is frequently seen speaking simultaneously and stepping on each other's lines as they improvise much of their dialogue. The film faithfully conveys the feeling a fan of the radio program might anticipate since it occurs almost entirely at the Fitzgerald Theater (except for opening and closing sequences shot at a nearby diner), dividing its time equally between musical performances and assorted back stage dramas.

The cast features Keillor and many of the regulars, musicians, and crew members from the radio show as themselves, and the lead roles are played by Meryl Streep, Tommy Lee Jones, Kevin Kline, Woody Harrelson, Virginia Madsen, John C. Reilly, Lily Tomlin, Lindsay Lohan, and *Soturdoy Night Live*'s Maya Rudolph. What is remarkable is that Streep, Tomlin, Harrelson, Reilly, and Lohan all do their own singing and blend in with the seasoned veterans as if they've been a part of the production for years.

The film is narrated by Kline who portrays Guy Noir, a down-on-his-luck private eye cut from the same cloth as the protagonist of a typical Mickey Spillane or Damon Runyan pulp yarn. The tale unfolds on the night the Axeman (Jones), representing the Texas conglomerate which has just purchased the historic theater, is set to announce corporate plans to cancel *A Proirie Home Companion* and to turn the building into a parking lot.

However, as with any Altman movie, it makes more sense to savor the atmosphere of each scene for its own sake instead of expecting a structured plotline and a conventional ending. That is where the pleasure lies in this fitting tribute to a treasured cultural institution. Highly-recommended for loyal devotees who consider the movie version of *A Proirie Home Companion* as a capstone on Keillor's career.

Excellent (★★★½). Rated PG-13 for risque humor. Running time: 105 minutes. Studio: Picturehouse.

—Kam Williams

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Cars (G). Disney animated adventure about the adventures of a rookie hot rod (Owen Wilson) who gets a big lesson about life on his way across the country to compete in the Piston Cup Championship in California. With voicework by Paul Newman, George Carlin, Bob Costas, Bonnie Hunt, Michael Keaton, Jennifer Lewis, Tony Shalhoub, and real-life race car drivers Richard Petty and Darrell Waltrip.

The Da Vinci Cade (PG-13 for sex, expletives, nudity, violence, drug references and disturbing images). Director Ron Howard and scriptwriter Akiva Goldsman, Oscar-winners for A Beautiful Mind, collaborate again on this adaptation of Dan Brown's controversial, best seller about a murder at the Louvre which leads to evidence of a centuries-long cover-up of cryptic codes containing ancient historical secrets which, if revealed, could shake the very foundation of Christianity. With Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, Ian McKellen, Alfred Molina, Paul Bettany and Jean Reno.

District B13 (Unrated). Futuristic, sci-fi fantasy, set in Paris in 2010, about a martial arts-trained detective (Cyril Raffaeli) who teams-up with a reformed mobster (David Belle) to infiltrate a gang holding a weapon of mass destruction somewhere inside a walled-in ghetto. In French with subtitles.

The Fast and the Furiaus: Tokyo Drift (PG-13 for sex, expletives, violence, and reckless and illegal teen behavior). With the cast overhauled again, the action shifts to Japan for the third installment of the high-octane auto franchise. Now Lucas Black stars as a fugitive from justice and gangsters whose hope of paying off a gambling debt rests with driving in death-defying street races.

An Incanvenient Truth (Unrated). Al Gore ramps up for another Presidential run in this "Don't say I didn't warn you" documentary about the dire prospects for the planet as a consequence of continued unchecked global warming.

The Lake House (PG for mild epithets and a disturbing image). *Speed* stars Sandra Bullock and Keanu Reeves reunite for this faithful adaptation of *Siworae*, a surreal science fiction film from Korea. Remake revolves around the exchange of love letters between a frustrated architect (Reeves) and the lonely doctor (Bullock) who previously resided in his new house and the discovery that they're living two years apart.

Mission Impossible III (PG-13 for action violence). Secret Agent Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) and sidekick Luther Stickell (Ving Rhames) return for another round of hi-tech, high-impact hijinks, squaring-off against a bloodthirsty arms dealer (Philip Seymour Hoffman). Cast includes Laurence Fishburne, Keri Russell and Billy Crudup.

Nocho Libre (PG-13 for crude humor and rough action). Jack Black vehicle features the corpulent comic as a chef who decides to don a mask and cape to morph into a professional wrestler to raise enough money to save the orphanage where he works from closing.

The Omen 666 (R for violent content, graphic images, and profanity). Remake of the apocalyptic horror film from 1976 about an American diplomat (Live Schreiber) stationed in Europe who, with his wife (Julia Stiles), adopts a child named Damien (Seamey Davis-Fitzpatrick) unaware that the boy just might be the devil incarnate and that all Hell is about to break loose. Supporting cast includes Mia Farrow, Michael Gambon, and Pete Postlethwaite.

Over the Hedge (PG for comic action and crude humor). CGI animated adaptation of the syndicated newspaper comic strip about a crafty raccoon (Bruce Willis) who helps a community of human-fearing creatures deal with the encroachment of suburbia upon their peaceable forest. Featuring the distinctive voicework of Wanda Sykes, Steve Carrell, Eugene Levy, William Shatner, Nick Nolte and Allison Janney.

Paseidon (PG-13 for intense sequences of horror and peril). Oceanographic adventure veteran Wolfgang Peterson (*The Perfect Storm* and *Das Boot*) directs another aquatic disaster, this a remake of *The Poseidon Adventure*, the 1972 classic about the effort of passengers to survive after their cruise ship is capsized by a tidal wave. Ensemble cast includes Josh Lucas, Kurt Russell, Andre Braugher, Emmy Rossum, Richard Dreyfuss and Jacinda Barrett.

A Proirie Home Componion (PG-13 for risqué humor). Garrison Keillor plays himself in this fictional story set at St. Paul's famed Fitzgerald Theater, home to his long-running, nostalgic NPR radio series of the same name. Directed by Robert Altman, the action unfolds both on and offstage on the night of what looks like the final broadcast, given the announcement that the show has been acquired by a corporate conglomerate which has decided to pull the plug on the popular program. Ensemble cast includes Lindsay Lohan, Meryl Streep, Tommy Lee Jones, Woody Harrelson, Lily Tomlin, Virginia Madsen, Matthew Modine, John C. Reilly and Saturday Night Live's Maya Rudolph.

R.V. (PG for crude humor, sexual innuendo and off-color language). Robin Williams and Cheryl Hines star in this road comedy about a dysfunctional family whose cross-country trip to Colorado in a camper turns out to be the summer vacation from Hell.

See No Evil (R for sex, expletives, drug use, gruesome action, and relentless gore). High-attrition horror film about eight delinquent teens assigned to do community service sprucing up a dilapidated hotel which happens to be home to a seven foot, 400 lb. psychopath (Glen Jacobs.) with razor-sharp fingernails.

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Woter (Unrated). Feminist Deepa Mehta's long overdue final installment of her elemental trilogy, also including *Fire* (1996), and *Eorth* (1998), films which triggered riots and theater burnings before being banned for exploring political and religious themes like lesbianism and Hindu-Muslim romance. This film, set in the thirties during the rise of resistance to British rule, revolves around the relationship between a woman widowed at the age of eight and raised in an ashram and a suitor from a lower caste who's a devout follower of Mahatma Gandhi.

X-Men: The Last Stond (PG-13 for action violence). Final installment of the trilogy features the comic book super-heroes divided over whether to take the cure which will transform them from mutants into normal human beings or to retain their special powers and remain ostracized by society. Standoff leads to a showdown of epic proportions. Hugh Jackman (Wolverine), Halle Berry (Storm), Anna Paquin (Rogue), James Marsden (Cyclops), Rebecca Romijn (Mystique), Ian McKellen (Magneto), Famke Janssen (Phoenix), Shawn Ashmore (Iceman), Daniel Cudmore (Colossus), Aaron Stanford (Pyro), and Patrick Stewart (Dr. Charles Xavier) all reprise their roles.

—Kam Williams

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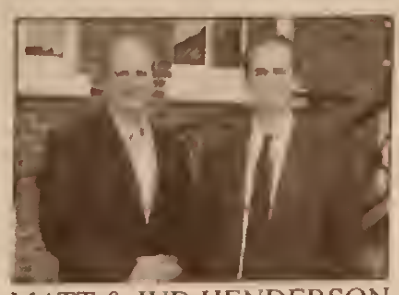

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Sports

25-Year Passion Play Concludes For PU Fencing Coach Sebastiani

It doesn't take one more than a minute or two in Michel Sebastani's Canal Pointe townhouse to figure out two of the passions that have ruled his life.

On a table in the front haliway sits a bronze statue of a fencer thrusting forward. The coffee table in the living room is stacked with French fencing magazines.

Hanging on an adjacent wall is a photograph of Sebastiani playing clarinet with the famed Preservation Hall Jazz Band in New Orleans. There are clarinets sitting on the floor with a bust of Louis Armstrong in the corner.

Sebastiani sees a direct interrelationship between his two pursuits. "I use music in my teaching fencing all the time, the timing, the change of rhythm," said Sebastiani, in his French accent with his eyes lighting up. "In playing jazz you learn how to improvise and adapt."

Applying rhythm and adaptability to the disciplined sport of fencing, Sebastiani has spent the last quarter century building the Princeton University fencing program into a national power.

The French national has led the men's team to a 213-89 record. He founded the Tiger women's program, transforming it into a force having gone 141-88. His fencers have won nine Ivy League titles and four NCAA individual titles.

Tiring of the growing administrative duties that now come with college coaching and looking to devote more time to his Princeton-based Sebastiani Fencing Academy, Sebastiani is wrapping up his distinguished Princeton tenure this month.

The road to Princeton was circuitous for Sebastianl, who fell in love with fencing and music as a young boy growing up in Algeria in the 1940s.

After being exposed to America through the magic of the sliver screen, a captivated Sehastiani decided that he wanted to bring his talents to the U.S.

His dream of someday relocating in the U.S. met with resistance from his French mates. "When I would tell people I wanted to come here, they would say America doesn't need you," recalled Sebastiani, 68, who served as a French officer in the West Algeria war in 1960 and retains the straight posture and muscular physique of a soldier. "They have officers, doctors, and pilots. You don't know the language; you can't speak like an American."

END OF AN ERA: Princeton University fencing coach Michel Sebastiani is all business as he makes a point. This month marks the end of Sebestiani's quarter century guiding the Princeton University fencing program. Sebastiani led the men's team to a 213-89 record during his tenure. He founded the Tiger women's program, transforming it into a force having guided it to a 141-88 record. His fencers have won nine Ivy League titles and four NCAA individual titles.

(Photo provided courtesy of Princeton's Office of Athletic Communications)

Sebastiani, who trained under some of the great French fencing masters during his college years In Paris, realized that the sport could be his ticket to the U.S.

"I oriented all my studies in Paris to the U.S.," recalled Sebastiani, who graduated in 1957 from the National Institute of Sports of France in 1957 with an MS in Health, Physical Education and Sports and later earned a masters degree from the country's top fencing school. "I decided to become a professor in sport. The Americans are lousy in fencing; they didn't know anything about the sport."

The tenacious Sebastiani wasn't lousy at fencing, making the 1959 French modern pentathlon national team and then getting selected for the 1960 French Olympic squad.

It was through one of his fencing coaches making connections at the World Fencing Championships in Philadelphia in 1958 that Sebastiani landed a coaching position with Cornell starting in 1963.

Sebastiani's introduction to the U.S. and his startling coaching success reads like a script from the Hollywood movies he adored as a child.

He landed in Idlewood Airport (now Kennedy) in 1963 believing his destination of Ithaca was somewhere near Manhattan. Once he got his bearings, Sebsatiani turned the Cornell fencing program into a power. His fencers earned two NCAA individual titles. Sebastiani revitalized a Big Red women's program which had last competed in the 1940s and transformed it into a force, coaching it to national team titles in 1967, 1968, and 1969.

Sebastiani went on to NYU and then Brooklyn College and the titles kept coming. One of his most notable coaching achievements was taking Brooklyn's Matt Israel from a fencing neophyte to the semifinals of the 1973 Junior World Championships in a matter of 18 months.

In 1982, Sebastiani took over the Princeton program upon the death of coach Stanley Sieja, a move that was ironic considering a conversation Sebastiani had in his first months in the U.S.

"In 1963 I was at a match at Yale and I met Stan Sieja and his wife," said Sebastiani, who came to Princeton after a stint in Houston coaching at Rice and running a fencing academy.

"Stan told me 'you're a young professor why don't you come to Princeton, I'm going to retire soon.' At the time, I was of a mind that if you left a place it meant you weren't reliable. I learned that in this country if you stay too long at a place, it means you aren't too good."

Things were good at Princeton for Sebastiani right from the start. "The captain of the team, Paul Schmidt, had been training with me for a year," said Sebastiani, who was the coach of the U.S. fencing team at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. "He had taken a year off from Princeton to train with me in Houston. There was an instant connection with the team."

MASTER CLASS: Princeton University fencing coach Michel Sebastiani instructs one of his charges in a session in the Jadwin Gym fencing room. Sebastiani, a French national who gained fencing master status there before coming to the U.S. in 1963, is ending a distinguished 25-year tenure at the helm of the Tiger fencing program this month.

(Photo provided courtesy of Princeton's Office of Athletic Communications)

That connection yielded one strong team after another as Sebastiani guided the men's program to 21 winning seasons with no losing seasons since 1985-86.

Sebastiani founded the Princeton women's program, which has produced 13 winning seasons in the last 14 years and national team titles in 1993 and 1994.

In order to push his fencers to such heights, Sebastiani pushed himself to the limit. "I spent more time in Jadwin Gym than my own home," said Sebastiani with a laugh. "I would go in a 6:00 a.m. and I would start training fencers at 6:30. I would close the building at night."

Sebastiani ended his Princeton tenure with a bang this spring, as Ben Solomon placed third nationally with Jacqueline Leahy taking second. As a team, combining the men's and women's scores, Princeton placed eighth overall in the NCAA.

The U.S. Fencing Coaches Association recognized Sebastiani's efforts, selecting him for the Schreff Award, given yearly to the collegiate fencing coach of the year.

In reflecting on ending his Princeton tenure, Sebastiani shows his characteristic passion. "I will miss the school; I will miss the students; I will miss the alumni who I'm in contact with all the time," said Sebastiani, who will be replaced by Zoltan Dudas, a former fencing coach at Notre Dame. "It's very simple. If you love something and someone asks you why, if you can answer, you don't love it, you just like it."

Sebastiani has certainly exhibited a deep love for Princeton fencing over the last quarter century.

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PULLING TOGETHER: The Princeton University men's lightweight varsity pulls hard as it finishes third in the grand final at the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) earlier this month on Cooper River in Camden. The season ending performance represented a major step forward for the boat which had failed to make the grand final at the Eastern Sprints in late May. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

PU Men's Lightweight Crew Ends on a High Aims to Get to Head of the Pack Next Year

For Greg Hughes, one of the lowest moments in his first year as the head coach of the Princeton University men's lightweight crew came in the Eastern Sprints in late May.

The Tigers' top boat, which came into the regatta after a superb effort in the Goldwaithe Cup which saw it beat Harvard and lose to Yale by a slim margin, didn't even qualify for the Easterns grand final.

"We came up a little bit slow in our semifinal heat," said Hughes, a former Tiger lightweight rowing star in the mid 1990s and the former assistant coach for the heavyweight program.

"Cornell came into the Eastern Sprints seeded eighth but ended up winning. That's the way our league is; it's really tightly bunched between eight or nine boats."

Learning from that disappointment, Princeton rebounded to finish the spring on a high by finishing third in the grand final at the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) in early June.

"We made some changes in the boat," explained Hughes, whose top boat clocked a time of 5:45.07 on the 2,000-meter course at Camden's Cooper River in finishing behind champion Cornell and Harvard.

"I think the guys realized that they had to take the race and not wait for it to come to them. We prepared to be a lot more aggressive in the middle 500. It was great seeing those guys on the first boat come in third."

Hughes, for his part, learned some important lessons in his first year at the helm of the program. "The biggest difference was when I was coaching the freshman heavyweights, I would have one boat of eight to coach by the spring," said Hughes. "Here I had three varsity eights."

Hughes also had to establish a rapport with his new rowers. "I think it was more me adjusting to them," said Hughes.

"They are Joe's guys (previous head coach Joe Murtaugh), he really developed a work ethic. They did whatever I told them and they did it hard. I'm pleased with it."

With six rowers returning in his top boat, Hughes is aiming to take his program to the next level in year two of his regime.

"I'd like to train them in the fall rather than just getting them in shape," said Hughes, who is coaching the U.S. national team's Under-23 heavyweight eight this summer as it competes in the U-23 world championship this July in Belgium.

"We fought hard to get into the pack, now I hope they're ready to do the work needed to get to the head of the pack."

—Bill Alden

Coach New Leaving PU Wrestling Proud of the Foundation He Built

When Michael New came to the Princeton University wrestling program in 1997 as an assistant coach, he knew there was plenty of work to do.

Four years earlier, Princeton had decided to discontinue varsity wrestling in the wake of Title IX, the law barring sex discrimination in federally funded educational programs. The program was relegated to club status and there was real doubt as to how long it would exist in any form.

But after wrestling alums raised a $3 million endowment and put a figurative half-nelson on the college administration, the sport was ultimately reinstated as a varsity program in 1997.

New could see the fallout from that process when he arrived at Princeton. "Head coach Eric Pearson brought me in from Cornell and it was sticker shock," said New with a laugh.

"You leave Cornell where you had three guys in the Eastern finals who you worked out with everyday. You get to Princeton and there are seven or eight guys running around and they're all walk-ons. Some days you would roll out the mats and there were more coaches than wrestlers."

New replaced Pearson as the head coach the next year and poured his heart and soul into making the Tigers competitive. The ebullient New, an All-Ivy wrestler and an Eastern finalist in the early 1990s at Cornell, used his powers of persuasion to attract some top-notch wrestlers, most notably Greg Parker, an NCAA finalist at 174 pounds in 2002.

Having laid the foundation for the program to go to the next level, New is leaving his post this month, turning over the reins to Chris Ayres, a former assistant coach for the powerful Lehigh University wrestling program.

In reflecting on his tenure, New acknowledged that he faced an uphill battle in essentially starting a program from scratch.

"I knew what I was getting into but I wasn't as prepared as I would've liked to have been," said New, who plans to go to graduate school with an eye on getting into the administrative side of things.

"I would've liked another year or two under Coach Pearson to get the ropes and be more situated. There are very few people that were in the situation I was in, rebuilding a program from next to nothing. You don't have any place to get feedback."

Developing such NCAA tourney wrestlers like Parker, Juan Venturi, Ryan Bonfiglio, and Jake Butler, New helped the program turn the corner. However, as Princeton advanced so did its Ivy foes.

"We had a five-year plan and a 10-year plan," explained New, who noted that the Class of 1958 wrestling room in Jadwin represents a major upgrade in facilities compared to the situation he found in 1997.

"The five-year plan was to make sure we were competitive and doing a great job of recruiting to get up to the standard of the rest of the league. The problem is that as we started to improve so did the rest of the league."

Still there were very few Ivy wrestlers in a league with Parker, Princeton's first NCAA finalist since John Orr made it that far in 1984.

"When I recruited Greg, he was real excited about Harvard," recalled New. "I said you can get to the NCAA finals in your home town of Albany, N.Y. if that's what you want to do. I told him he may have to wait on the second team at other schools. We clicked and he was a kind of meteorite. Greg had desire, ambition, and work ethic."

New believes he is leaving Ayres with a foundation of athletes who possess similar qualities. "I think Coach Ayres will have the most talent since I came here," asserted New. "We have kids like Zach Burns, Doug Scott, and Marty Everin. We've had guys that were gritty and tough but these guys have athletic ability as well. They are quality wrestlers and a quality foundation."

And New can pass on some life lessons to Ayres as he leads Princeton wrestling into it next chapter.

"You understand it's a group effort, a team effort," said New, who is also proud of his role in developing the Princeton Amateur Wrestling Society (PAWS), a group that is based in Jadwin Gym and has jump-started youth wrestling in the Princeton area. "I tried to get everybody on the same page and to understand that this isn't easy."

Princeton was certainly lucky to have New guiding its team as the wrestling program has struggled through uncharted territory.

—Bill Alden

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Memory Loss: Normal Aging or Alzheimer's Disease?

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Memory loss is a common complaint and a cause of great worry and fear for many people. While some are simply experiencing the normal memory loss of aging, others are exhibiting signs of dementia.

As baby boomers' age, complaints of memory loss will become more prevalent. In 2000, 4.5 million people were diagnosed with dementia, while 15 million are expected to be diagnosed in 2050. The challenge facing physicians today is to rule out the normal memory loss of aging and diagnose those with dementia so treatment can begin as soon as possible.

After age 40, memory begins to decline. It becomes harder to recall recent information and learn new procedures. We are not as good as we once were at finding our way to unfamiliar places, learning new skills, multi tasking, and decision making. While one or more of these often declines in normal aging, the decline does not prevent us from performing our jobs and functioning normally.

Mild Cognitive Impairment, or MCI, can be described as having very poor short term memory only. For example, someone with MCI may have no recollection of a conversation they had a few minutes ago. People with MCI retain their long-term memory, along with the ability to make decisions, judgments, and perform practical skills. MCI is considered a potential harbinger of dementia. With dementia, memory loss is accompanied by loss of other mental functions: language, judgment, initiative, direction finding, etc., to the point where the person can no longer continue working or live without the assistance of others.

Alzheimer's Disease (AD) is one type of dementia, and in fact comprises 80% of all dementias. The rates of failure to recognize AD are staggering. 97% of people with mild dementia go undiagnosed, and 50% of people with moderate dementia go undiagnosed. Early diagnosis is crucial. Catching AD early can allow the patient to make their own choices in advance planning, such as living wills and power-of-attorney. Early diagnosis can also safeguard against accidents while driving or at home, and can prevent patients from falling prey to scams that exploit the elderly. There is good evidence that early treatment can also delay loss of function and placement in nursing homes by two years, allowing people to keep their loved ones at home as long as possible.

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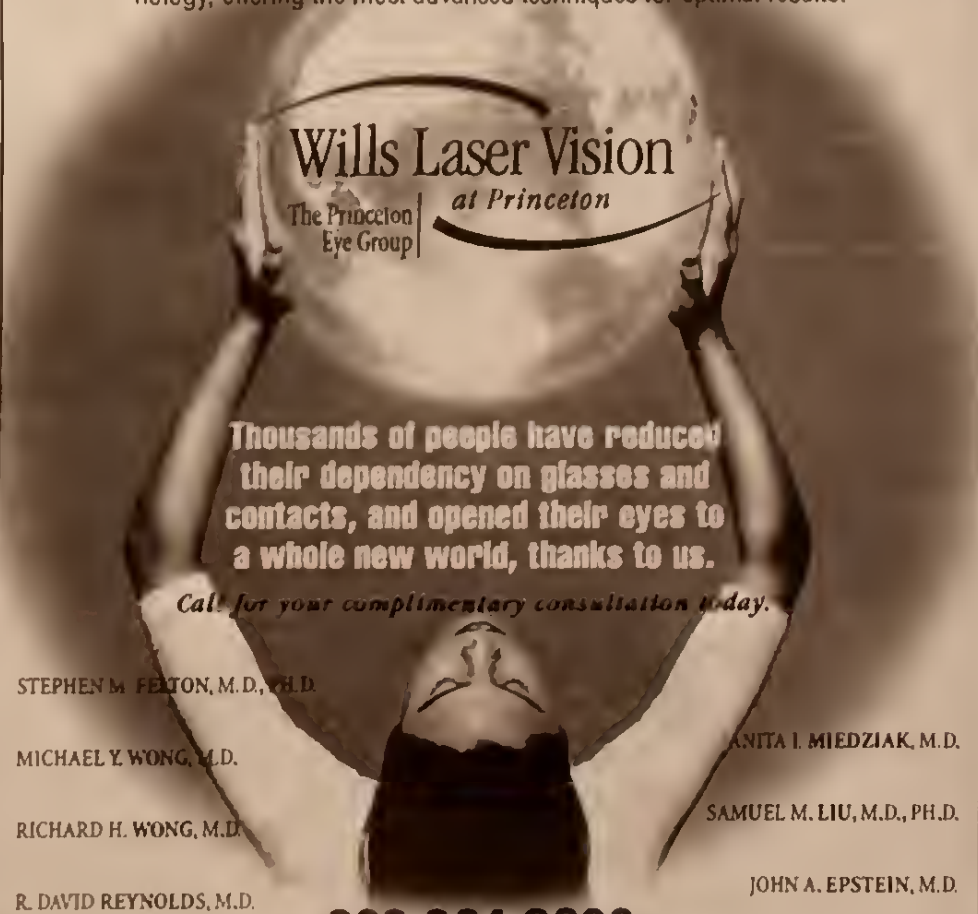

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A Special Era in PHS Sports Ending This Month With Retirement of Athletics Secretary Lavery

SERVICE WITH A SMILE: Princeton High athletic department administrative secretary Judy Lavery smiles as she takes a break from the paperwork she has mastered in her 17-year tenure on the job. Lavery is retiring at the end of this month, ending a special era in PHS sports. (Photo by E.J. Greenblat)

It was 1989 and Judy Lavery was in her mid-40s and looking to get out of the house.

After spending years as a stay-at-home mother raising her four children and serving as a member of the West Amwell and South Hunterdon school boards in her spare time, Lavery was looking for the perfect job.

Her longtime friend, Carol Parsons, then the Princeton High athletics director, told Lavery she had found her a job she couldn't refuse.

Parsons was looking for a part-time secretary and she urged her friend to go for it, joking that it was about time that Lavery went back to work.

Lavery took Parsons' advice and applied for the job. The affable Lavery got the job and proved to be a perfect fit, staying on the job through the tenure of Parsons and her five successors.

This month, Lavery, 64, is retiring, acceding to the wishes of her husband, Alan, who wants her to be a stay-at-home wife.

In reflecting on her tenure, Lavery said she is glad that she made the move back into the work force.

"I've always enjoyed this job, there is always something different to do," said a smiling Lavery, sitting at her pleasantly cluttered desk at PHS which is surrounded by ball caps, trophies, and family photos.

"I suppose I could say there are routine things you do but it isn't the same any day. There isn't any down time. You're ending one season at the same time you're starting another. In the summer, you finish up with the spring sports and then you start ordering supplies and setting up the schedules for the fall."

Lavery, who became a full-time employee in her fifth year on the job, handles a range of tasks from ordering supplies, setting up schedules, arranging for buses, checking pay vouchers, reviewing student eligibility forms and coaching applications.

In a recent half hour in her office, Lavery, whose job title is now the administrative secretary for the athletic department, fielded four phone calls and three in-person requests concerning various issues.

One of the hallmarks of Lavery's tenure is her relationship with the PHS coaches. "I think I have always had a good rapport with the coaches," asserted Lavery, who grew up in Mercerville and played field hockey, basketball, softball, and bowled in her high school days at the original Steinert High. "We've always gotten along; they've always been very nice to me and I have tried to be nice to them."

Longtime PHS swimming and girls' soccer coach Greg Hand concurs with Lavery's assessment.

"The athletic director's office is a nerve center; there are so many things going on, some are urgent and some are more long term," said Hand.

"Judy is exceptionally able to balance everything; it's a strange mix of things. She treats people with respect and will do whatever it takes to get the job done. As a person, there is nobody more kind, more considerate, more principled than Judy."

Lavery's diligence combined with a keen sense of humor sets her apart in Hand's view.

"She cares about what it means to do a job well; she takes that utterly seriously," added Hand. "But at the same time she can smile, laugh, and joke her way through stressful situations."

The core of Lavery's role is her close working relationship with the athletic directors she has served. "I'm the intermediary between the coaches, players, and athletic director," explained Lavery.

At times, she has served as acting athletic director when a boss was out ill for a period. "I can run the office," said Lavery, noting that she has sat in on CVC and Mercer County tournament seeding meetings when necessary.

Lavery has a special bond with current athletic director John Miranda due to the fact that she delayed her retirement to help Miranda adjust in his first year on the job.

"I have been sort of mentoring John," said Lavery, who intends to spend some of her retirement travelling with her husband and is already planning trips to Ireland and St. Croix. "John is new at being an AD and I certainly hope I've been able to help him get into the routine and the things he's going to have to deal with everyday."

Miranda, for his part, is certainly glad that Lavery stayed on. "It's been wonderful, Judy is a great person," said Miranda.

"She just cares so much about PHS athletics; she takes it to heart. She does the extra stuff to make sure that everything goes smoothly."

Now, Miranda is facing the daunting task of facing life without Lavery. "She's been like an advisor to me," said Miranda, noting that the search for Lavery's successor is in its final stages.

"She has seen the same situation or a similar situation to everything that has come up. She understands the state regulations. She's an institution, it's sad to see her go."

Lavery acknowledged she is going to miss her life at PHS. "It's never been dull, maybe on occasion it's been a little too not dull," said Lavery with a chuckle. "It's been a wonderful experience. I've made a lot of friends through it and I will miss those people."

And Lavery is going to be sorely missed by her legion of friends.

—Bill Alden

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LIFT-OFF: Princeton High senior standout Natalie Gengel races down the runway at the NJSIAA Meet of Champions last Thursday on her way to winning the pole vault. The Cornell-bound Gengel cleared a meet record 12'3 in earning the prestigious title. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

PHS Half-Miler Bliss 6th at MOC But Better for the Experience

Libby Bliss has gotten used to being at the front of the pack this spring.

The Princeton High junior won the 800 meter run at the Mercer County Track Championship in a time of 2:20.59 in addition to taking third in the 400 and helping the PHS 4x 400 relay quartet place second.

She followed that up by winning the 800 and placing third in the 400 in the Central Jersey Group III sectional championship meet.

In the Group III championship meet, Bliss bettered her school record by posting a time of 2:11.78 in placing first in the 800 and earning a berth in the NJSIAA Meet of Champions (MOC).

At the MOC last Thursday at South Plainfield, however, Bliss found herself stuck in the middle of the pack. Bunched with the top 800 runners in the state, Bliss never could break away as she placed sixth with a time of 2:14.19.

In assessing her performance, Bliss acknowledged that she had a frustrating evening. "I got boxed in; I'm not used to running in a pack where all the runners can do the same times," said Bliss. "I had to run out in lane four but it was too late. I tried my best to get my kick going but it was too tight."

Still, Bliss believes she came away from the MOC much better for the experience. "It was such an honor to be there; it's a little selfish to say I was disappointed," said Bliss, who will be competing in a national high school meet this weekend in Greensboro, N.C.

"It was an incredible experience. I was happy to be running against girls like that, the best in the state and some who are among the best in the country. It will help me learn how to react in a situation like that."

Bliss' reaction under fire this spring has been fueled by the supportive atmosphere surrounding the PHS girls' team this spring.

"The season was absolutely amazing; we had a great dual meet record," said Bliss, referring to the team's 6-1 mark.

"There was a different kind of energy on the team; everybody was going out to better themselves and test their limits. It really helped me."

Bliss developed a special connection with freshman half-miler Molly Lynch. "Molly is amazing; she is so determined," added Bliss. "It's nice to train with her; we push each other really hard."

Bliss learned something about pushing herself to limits by running cross country last fall for the Little Tigers.

"I broke through some physical barriers but more importantly I needed to break some mental barriers," said Bliss, whose training this summer will be focused on preparing for the upcoming cross country season.

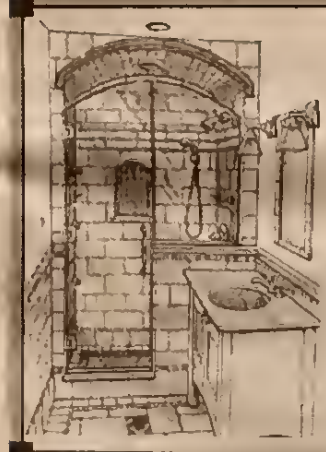
"I learned to be comfortable with being uncomfortable. I learned not to be scared and to put myself out there. I used to be a sprinter and my kick and speed come from that. In cross country, I learned to withstand distance and still maintain speed."

As she looks ahead to her senior year, Bliss wants to maintain her level of excellence. "I just hope my junior year isn't my peak," said Bliss, who is planning to run at the college level. "Some people get burned out or injured in their senior year. I want to stay healthy and keep getting PRs."

—Bill Alden

STATE OF BLISS: Princeton High track star Libby Bliss fights to get around the pack on her way to finishing sixth in the 800 meters at the NJSIAA Meet of Champions last Thursday at South Plainfield. The fast improving junior set a school mark in the 800 this spring when she clocked a 2:11.78 at the state Group III championship meet.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



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ON THE UPSWING: Princeton High junior outfielder Dan Etherton smacks the ball in action this spring. Etherton emerged as PHS' top hitter this season, batting .458 with 15 runs scored and 10 RBIs. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

PHS Baseball Struggled to 5-17 Record But Laid Foundation for Future Success

It would have been understandable if the Princeton High baseball team's season-ending banquet last week had turned into a somber affair.

After all, the Little Tigers went 5-17 this spring, losing eight of their last nine games.

But PHS head coach John Miranda will tell you that an upbeat atmosphere permeated the function.

"The kids were psyched up," said Miranda, reflecting on the banquet.

"They truly believe that next year they will be one of Princeton High's best teams in years. We have six or seven juniors and they have been in the program four years."

In Miranda's view, his squad's record was deceiving. "We were playing good baseball at the end of the season," said Miranda, noting that his team lost tight contests to Hun, Ewing, and Hopewell Valley over the last few weeks of the season.

"We had only had two senior starters. A lot of the guys in our lineup were in their first year on the varsity. It took them a while to get confidence. We have starters coming back at every position next year."

Two of PHS' best young starters this spring were junior outfielder Danny Etherton and junior pitcher/third baseman Colin Sarafin.

Etherton hit .458 with 10 RBIs and 15 runs scored while Sarafin batted .410 and emerged as a top pitcher, going 2-1 with a 3.53 ERA. "Danny had an amazing offensive season," asserted Miranda, whose other key returners include Matt Gerard, Chris Brooks, John Miranda, Jr., and Erik Cooper.

"He really exploded on the scene; he led us in just about every category. He was also great defensively; he was our best outfielder. Colin had a great year offensively. He really stepped up as a pitcher; he was good game in, game out. He's very competitive."

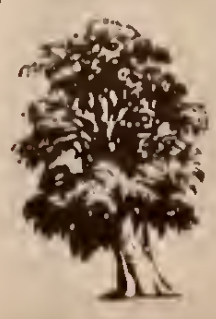
PHS' two seniors, pitcher/first baseman Matt Welsh and catcher R.J. Nicholas helped spark the team's competitive attitude.

"In terms of dealing with the team and running things, they did a great job," added Miranda. "They were like assistant coaches on the field out there, helping me with the younger players. If someone fell out of line, they would step in and set things right. They did a great job in off-season drills, getting everybody organized."

Miranda believes that his strong core of rising seniors will display a similar attitude next spring. "They are committed to being good; just about everyone is playing Legion ball this summer," said Miranda. "This is their year coming up; they have one more shot to be good."

—Bill Alden

GROWING PAINS: Princeton High baseball head coach John Miranda grimaces as he surveyed the action in a game this spring. Miranda's young squad, which featured only two seniors in its starting lineup, went through some growing pains in 2006 as it finished with a 5-17 record. With a core of juniors returning next spring, Miranda is hoping that the lessons learned this season will result in victories next year. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*



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Summer Men's Hoops Ushering in Changes But Competition Figures to be Just as Hot

Fans of the Princeton Recreation Department Men's Summer Basketball League are in for some changes this season.

The league's 10-team lineup will include four newcomers-Princeton Youth Sports, Baxter Construction/Bon Appetit, M P F & S, and the Ivy Inn.

In addition, the basketball complex at Community Park has received a major makeover with the installation of a new lighting system and a resurfaced court.

But as the league tips off its 18th season this Monday evening at 6:20 p.m. with a quadruple-header, its main staple — heated competition — will be on display unchanged.

"I think there are six or seven teams that could win the league, there is a lot of balance," said league commissioner Ben Stentz, who has been involved with the program since its inception together with his assistant commissioner Evan Moorhead. "A very good team could go 3-6 in the league and then be a real threat in the playoffs."

In Stentz's view, the league's defending champion, George's Roasters and Ribs, will certainly be one of those threats. George's features former Hun School and current Princeton University star Noah Savage together with Bobby Davison, a former Princeton High standout who recently completed his career at The College of New Jersey, and Davison's college teammate, Scott Findlay.

"Their whole crew is back but repeating is tough," said Stentz. "Before last year, George's was a good team that flew under the radar, now everybody will be gunning for them."

Two teams that may have the weapons to shoot down George's are Merrill Lynch and Upper Makefield. Merrill Lynch is led by Princeton University standout Luke Owings and his Tiger teammate Michael Strittmatter. Upper Makefield, the league finalist in 2004, is led by Hunter Bretschneider, Jimmy Curran, and Jeff Stewart.

"I think Luke will be one of the top two or three players in the league," added Stentz. "The summer league is less structured than Princeton. Players can rely on their skills and Luke has the ballhandling, passing, and shooting skills. Jeff Stewart got all kinds of Division III accolades at Muhlenberg last season, he is one of their all-time point scorers."

Stentz is expecting the league's four new teams to make their presence felt this summer. The Princeton Youth Sports is comprised of PHS players and will be guided by Little Tiger head coach Dave Kosa.

As a former PHS hoops player himself, Stentz, has a soft place in his heart for the PYS entry. "I think it's a great thing," said Stentz, noting that PYS played in the league in 2004 but not last summer.

"Having a place for the high school team is one of the reasons the league started. Doug Snyder, the PHS coach at the time, was looking for somewhere for his kids to play in the summer and the Rec Department was looking to start a men's summer league and the ideas merged. It's a good way for the PHS kids to toughen themselves up and see what it's like to compete at a high level."

The other new teams may have the pieces to compete at a high level. "The Ivy Inn is a mix of guys from the Cafe (the 2005 playoff runners-up) and some new guys," explained Stentz.

"They could win eight games or they could win one. Baxter is coached by Jake Utti who played at PHS. Jake's brother is on the team and he also played on PHS. I think they have six or seven good guys, M P F & S is led by Ryan Stein and Kurt Bergmann. They both had good careers at Randolph Macon and they have experience in our league."

The players should experience better playing conditions this summer with the improvements to the court complex."I feel up about it," asserted Stentz.

"The four light poles had been here about 20 years and they were getting old. We're going from four poles to two poles and it's going to be a lot brighter. The lighting systems are much more high tech now; you're going to have white light as compared to the orangish light. The court is being resurfaced; they're adding a membrane that should hold things together better with less cracking."

Stentz and colleague Moorhead are looking forward to holding things together on the Community Park courts for an 18th summer. "By the end of each summer we're a little tired out," said Stentz, joking that he and Moorhead are in the third year of their second 15-year contract.

"By each spring, our batterles get recharged and we start looking forward to another season of the summer league. There is no place we'd rather be on summer nights. I hope people will come down whether they are there to enjoy good competition or just hanging out to enjoy the scene and maybe have some ice cream. It's the sense of community that's most important to us."

While change is inevitable, it is good to know that some things remain the same.

—Bill Alden

DRIVING FORCE: Princeton University junior star Noah Savage drives hard to the hoop last season in helping George's Roasters and Ribs top The Cafe for the title in the Princeton Recreation Department Men's Summer Basketball League. Savage and his teammates will start the defense of their crown this Monday when they face M F P & S in the league's opening night quadruple header. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

BACK FOR MORE: Scott Findlay of George's Roasters and Ribs heads into the paint last summer as he helped lead Georges to their first-ever title in the Princeton Recreation Department Men's Summer Basketball League. Findlay is slated to be back for more this summer as George's tries to make it two in a row. The 2006 season starts with a quadruple-header at the Community Park courts. *(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)*

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Gould Edges Lieva to Win Fete 10k Race; PU Runner Filloux Emerges as Top Woman

BRIAN'S SONG: Brian Gould rounds the last turn in Weaver Stadium on his way to edging Wilson Lieva to win the Fete 10k road race last Saturday. Gould, a resident of Langhorne, Pa. who coaches boys' track and cross country at WW/P-N, clocked a time of time of 34:20 to post a three-second win over Lieva.

(Photo by George Vogel)

When Brian Gould made his debut last Saturday in the June Fete 10k Run, he had no idea that he was in for a half hour of foot-to-foot combat.

Gould, a 27-year-old resident of Langhorne, Pa. who coaches boys' track and cross country at WW/P-N, was shadowed by 32-year-old Wilson Lieva of Trenton for nearly the entire 6.2 mile course.

The wiry Gould led the pair of combatants onto the track at Princeton University's Weaver Stadium for the last 300 yards or so of the race and found his lead shrinking with each stride.

Summoning one last burst of energy, Gould held off Lieva, clocking a time of 34:20 to post a three-second win in the race which drew 558 runners.

Catching his breath after the race, Gould admitted he had been pushed hard by Lieva. "We were off and on each other the whole way," said Gould with a weary smile. "The race started very slow; after a mile I tried to move away but didn't hold it well enough and he came right back on me, I tried to shake him a couple of times. From two miles on he was right on me and moving pretty good."

As he headed into the stadium on the sunny, windy morning, Gould knew his victory wasn't a done deal.

"People out there coming in told me that he was closing the gap," said Gould, whose victory was one of the closest in the race's distinguished 29-year history.

"I heard the voice on the loudspeaker saying how close it was. I took a little peek over my shoulder to see where he was as I headed to the last corner."

Gould had to dig deep to secure his victory, producing a slight burst to edge Lieva. "I didn't think that I had that left in my legs," said Gould. "It was too close to the finish to give it up."

Although Gould was pushed to the limit in his first Fete appearance, he is planning to come back for more combat next year.

"It is a great race, I'll be back," said Gould. "It was good being off on the side roads. It's a challenging course. I wouldn't say it's hilly but it rolls a lot of the time."

The top women finisher, Claire Filloux, had an easier time as she rolled to victory in her Fete debut.

The Princeton University senior, who ran for the Tiger cross country team last fall, clocked a time of 38:44 to beat runner-up Lindsay Tomlinson by a margin of 2:51.

Filloux, a native of Salt Lake City who is staying in Princeton this summer to do lab work, entered the race on a whim.

"I was passing the Princeton Running Company yesterday and there was a sign for the race," recalled Filloux, who was the 14th finisher overall. "I had nothing else to do Saturday morning. I like road races so I decided to go for it."

Filloux's familiarity with the course through her workouts with the Princeton cross country team came in handy.

"I haven't run the course exactly but we run Prospect all the time so I knew parts of the course," said Filloux. "It was windy but that was good because the other people in the race helped break that up."

For Filloux, the race was certainly a good way to get on track after surviving her exams. "I was shooting for anything; I just started training again," said Filloux with a chuckle. "I just got through exams; it was a good workout."

IN THE FAST LANE: Princeton University cross country runner Claire Filloux cruises to the finish line last Saturday on her way to finishing first among the women runners at the Fete 10k road race. Filloux, a rising senior who hails from Salt Lake City, clocked a time of 38:44 to beat runner-up Lindsay Tomlinson by a margin of 2:51.

(Photo by George Vogel)

A view undoubtedly shared by hundreds of others who hit the road at the Fete 10k last Saturday.

—Bill Alden

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After Marathon Day Of PGSA Playoff Action, Sapphires, Pacific Emerge as Champions

It looked like it was going to be a long day for the Sapphires as they faced the Goldens last Saturday morning at Grover Park in the title game of the Princeton Girls Softball Association (PGSA) minors division.

The Sapphires went down quietly without a run in the top of the first while Goldens jumped into a 1-0 lead on a run by Katie Alden.

But the Sapphires' bats came alive as they put together a six-run inning on the way to a 12-7 win and the title. The squad's offensive outburst was paced by Hannah Ash, Sarah Eisenach, Annika Lee, and Ellie Maltby.

On the mound, Isabella Hyun was sharp as she shut the door on the Goldens to help the Sapphires finish with a final record of 9-4.

The PGSA majors playoffs turned into a marathon. In a semifinal clash played early Saturday afternoon, Maddie Alden and Arielle Thomas led the way on the mound as Crown's topped Regal to earn a shot at Pacific in the championship game.

After a 15-minute break, the Crown's squad took the field for the title clash. Pacific pitcher Louise Eisenach got the Pacific off to a strong start as she held Crown's scoreless in the top of first inning.

Eisenach, Nicole Kelm, and Summer Ramsey-Broughs all scored in the bottom of the frame as Pacific took a 3-0 lead that it never relinquished on the way to a 14-7 triumph.

The Crown's team did cause Pacific some jitters as it put together a five-run rally but Eisenach settled down to secure the victory and the title.

The long day of action ended on a high note for winners and losers alike as the PGSA combined with the Little League to hold a season-ending party at the Princeton Shopping Center courtyard featuring live music, pizza, and an appearance from Trenton Thunder mascot Boomer.

—Bill Alden

WINNING STUFF: Louise Eisenach, a sixth grader at John Witherspoon, delivers the ball last Saturday at Grover Park for the Pacific team in the title game of the Princeton Girls Softball Association (PGSA) majors division. Eisenach's efforts on the mound and at the plate helped spark Pacific to a 14-7 win over Crown's in the championship game. *(Photo by David Goldsmith)*

SHOOTING FOR THE CROWN: Maddie Alden, a seventh-grader at John Witherspoon, bears down last Saturday for the Crown's squad in the first inning of the title game of the Princeton Girls Softball Association (PGSA) majors division. Despite Alden's efforts, Crown's dropped a 14-7 decision to Pacific. *(Photo by David Goldsmith)*

MOUND GEM: Isabella Hyun, a third-grader at Riverside School, fires a pitch as she led the Sapphires to a 12-7 win over Goldens last Saturday morning at Grover Park in the title game of the Princeton Girls Softball Association (PGSA) minors division title game.

READY FOR BATTLE: Members of the Sidetraxx, Inc Yankees, left, and the Corporate Synergies Phillies stand at attention during the national anthem last Saturday before they faced off in the championship game of the Princeton Little League majors division at Grover Park. The Phillies beat the Yankees 6-1 to earn the title, paced by a one-hitter hurled by pitcher Ian Finnen. In other action Saturday, the Cubs won the minor A championship, beating the Nationals 12-2. Mike Clancy, Steve Majeski, and Jack Dyevich all pitched well in the victory. *(Photo by David Goldsmith)*

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Mercer Junior Rowing Women's 8 Ready to Roll at Henley Regatta

Although the Mercer Junior Rowing Club (MJRC) women's varsity eight qualified for the U. S. Rowing National Youth Championships in Cincinnati, the crew declined that opportunity.

Instead, the boat opted to head east over the Atlantic Ocean to compete in the prestigious Women's Henley Regatta on the Thames River near London, England.

This Friday, the crew will hit the water as it starts its quest for the regatta's junior 18 girls' title. The competition runs from June 16-19 and features a bracket-style format with boats meeting head-to-head with one loss eliminating a crew from the regatta.

In the view of MJRC head rowing coach Sean McCourt, the women's varsity eight was the ideal crew to make the club's debut at the Henley competition.

"It is special; it's something we've been working toward," said McCourt, speaking by phone last Sunday from the Westminster School boathouse at Putney where the crew has been staying and training since last Thursday.

"We see this as a more prestigious regatta than the nationals. The team that won the nationals last year will be at Henley as will the current New England champion. We will also be facing top British boats. This is a great crew; if we were going to go to Henley this is the year."

The women's eight boat, which is comprised of area high schoolers, finished first in its heats and finals at the Northeast/Mid-Atlantic District Championship in mid-May.

The MJRC boat displays special qualities on and off the water, according to McCourt. "They have a friendship and a bond," asserted McCourt. "They would take a bat to the knees of anyone who challenges them. It's also a very powerful crew in the water; really good technically. Half of the rowers have been in the boat for two years."

One of the key members of the crew is coxswain Becca Fein, who graduated from Princeton Day School this past weekend.

"Becca is a terrific leader," said McCourt. "She was recruited by Brown University and will cox for there next year."

Fein is just one of the boat's graduating seniors who will be competing at the next level. Lauren Alba of WW/P-N will row at Boston University next year while WW/P-S' Erin Conlon is heading to the Stanford crew program. Princeton High seniors Harriet Kadar and Halley McDaniel will be heading to Boston College and Pennsylvania, respectively.

Other members of the boat are Rachel LaBella from WW/P-S, Kiki Rosa from WW/P-N, Katie Suyo from the Pennington School, and Libby Clark from PHS.

The crew got off to a good start on its England jaunt last weekend as it topped crews from London, Oxford, and Pennsylvania to win the Royal Military Challenge Cup at the reading Amateur Regatta.

McCourt is confident his boat can build on that stellar performance as it wades into international competition.

The rivers here are smaller and the boats are right on top of each other; that makes it more personal," explained McCourt, whose boat drew the current British high school champs in the first round. "I think that they are up to the challenge and can make it to the championship final. If you get to that anything can happen."

—Bill Alden

Princeton Recreation Offering Summer Hoops

The Princeton Recreation Department is now accepting registration for summer youth basketball leagues and summer youth basketball camps.

Both the boys and the girls youth leagues are open to Princeton and Montgomery residents, while the camps are open to everyone, regardless of residency.

The boys' league action takes place Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons at the Community Park courts. The league is open to boys entering grades 4-9 in September 2006. Grades 4–6 play at 5:20 p.m. and grades 7-9 play at 6:15 p.m. The league runs from June 21 through July 28.

The girls' league action takes place Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Community Park courts and at Montgomery Park on Thursdays. The league is open to girls entering grades 4-9 in September 2006. Grades 4-6 play at 5:45 or 6:45 p.m. and grades 7–9 play at 6:45 or 7:45 p.m. The league runs from June 20 through July 27.

The Dave Kosa Boys' Basketball Camp will have two separate one-week sessions in 2006. Kosa, the Princeton High boys' basketball head coach, will serve as camp director for the fourth consecutive summer. Camp sessions are July 10-14 and August 7-11 at John Witherspoon Middle School. The Kosa camp is open to players entering grades 6-10 in September 2006.

The Nikki Inzano Girls' Basketball Camp will take place from July 17–20 at John Witherspoon Middle School. This 4-day camp run by PHS head girls' basketball coach Inzano, is open to girls entering grades 6–10 in September 2006. The Inzano Camp will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day with optional swimming from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information on all of the summer basketball programs, log onto the Rec Department website at www.leaguelineup.com/princetonrecreation.

Post 218 Baseball Routed by Ewing

With only Andrew Baxter crossing the plate, the Princeton Post 218 American Legion team absorbed an 18-1 rout at Ewing last Monday. The loss dropped Post 218 to 1-2 on the season in Mercer County American Legion League play. Post 218 will look to get on the winning track when it hosts Hopewell on June 15 and Hightstown on June 18.

Piranhas Swimmers Medal at Rutgers Meet

In the Heat Madness Long Course swim meet held at Rutgers on June 3, the newly-formed USA swim team, Princeton Piranhas, picked up victories in several events.

In the 11-12 girls, Carly Gurick placed first in the 200 freestyle and 200 individual medley and second in the 50 backstroke. Douglas McCord and Jake Valente also medalled in their age group of 11-12 boys with McCord winning the 200 free and 200 IM and placing second in the 100 breaststroke. Valente, a Princeton resident, finished second in the 200 free.

In the 13-14 girls category, Alyssa Hullings placed first in the 200 back, Gina Grabowski took third in the 200 butterfly, and Skye Kuseryk placed third in the 200 breast. Jordan Lieberman of Princeton finished first in the 100 free, second in the 400 free, and third in the 200 breast.

As for the 13-14 boys, Gregory Fat was second in the 200 fly. In the 15 and over boys, Brandon Hullings finished first in the 200 fly and third in the 400 free.

The Princeton Piranhas train at the Pennington School pool.

Princeton Recreation Offering Summer Lax

The Princeton Recreation Department will offer its men's and women's summer lacrosse leagues beginning June 26.

This will be the 37th year of summer lacrosse offered by the Rec Department. Both leagues are open to Princeton residents and nonresidents.

The men's league plays on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to dusk in Princeton. League play runs from June 27 through August 3. The men's league is open to players entering 10th grade or older and adults are welcome.

The women's league plays on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to dusk at Princeton High School. League play runs from June 20 through August 2. The women's league is open to players entering 9th grade or older and adults are welcome.

Registration forms can be downloaded from the Rec Department website, www.princetonrecreation.com. For more information, please contact Ben Stentz at (609) 921-9480.

STRIKE FORCE: The Princeton Strikers Under-14 boys' soccer team are all smiles after taking first place in its bracket at the recently held Sunburst Soccer Tournament in West Windsor. Featuring a stingy defense, the team allowed only one goal in the tournament. Pictured in the first row, from left, are: Humberto Aparicio, Patrick Furlong, Will Dobbs-Allsopp, Jake Golden, Jacob Deming, Wilson Urias, Juan Vazquez-Maldonado, Michael Dessailly, and Robert Zindman. In the second row , from left, are: Assistant Coach Edgar Cano, Thatcher Foster, Peter Marchetta, Max Reid, Danny Kanoff, Spencer Tank, Steven Lopez, Juan Fernando Cano, Kenny Kostenbader, Mohamed Shaheen, and Coach Jamey Deming.

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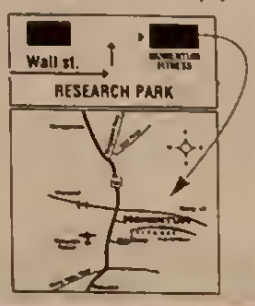

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OBITUARIES

Edward L. Kubacki

Commander Edward L. Kubacki USN, Ret., 87, of Princeton and Lake Harmony, Pa., died May 28 at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park.

Born in Reading, Pa., he graduated from Reading Senior High School, continued his engineering studies at the Wyomissing Polytechnic Institute, and in 1941 received a B.S. degree in electrical engineering from Penn State University.

He volunteered for active duty as an Ensign in the Navy in July 1941. His first assignment was at the Naval Gun Factory in Washington, D.C. He attended Harvard and MIT and, on completion of his studies, was selected to be the first instructor of Radar control of shipboard ordinance at the Fleet Service School in San Diego, Calif. He was then assigned to the U.S.S. Belleau Wood from October 1944 to February 1946 as the radar maintenance officer. While aboard, he participated in the Okinawa Gunto, Iwo Jima, and Japan operations for which he earned three stars on his Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal. He was also awarded the Presidential unit citation with star.

After World War II, he was Staff Radio and Sonar Officer at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. He then attended school at the Naval Supply Corps in Bayonne, and was assigned to the Electronic Supply Office in Great Lakes, Ill. From there he received orders to the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts. He served on the U.S.S. Delta as the comptroller and supply officer and at the Naval Air Station in Atlantic City, as the supply and fiscal officer. In 1955 he returned to Bayonne, where he served as Director of the Military Assistance Program, Executive Assistant to the Rear Admiral, and Director of the Military Security Program for 48 foreign countries.

During 1959 and 1960 he served in Korea as assistant comptroller and member of the Chief Joint Military Assistance Advisory Group. When he returned to the States, he completed his more than 20-year naval career in June 1962 as the Transportation and Shipping Officer and Commander of the Eastern Sea Frontier in New York City, where he had a top secret rating. During his military career he was also awarded the American Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, Navy Occupation (Asia) Medal, China Service Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the Korean Defense Service Medal.

After retiring from the military, he entered the teaching profession and spent 23 years as a mathematics and science professor for the Somerset County Vocational and Technical Schools, teaching at the Somerset County Technical Institute and the Somerset County College. He retired from teaching in 1986.

He was a 65-year life member of the Theta chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity, a life member of the Penn State Alumni Association, a life member of the Military Officers Association of America, a member of Disabled American Veterans, and a life member of the New Jersey Education Association, New Jersey Retired Educators' Association, and National Education Association-Retired.

Predeceased by his oldest brother, Wallace Kubacki, he is survived by his wife, Ellen Kubacki; a daughter, Ellen Thompson of Princeton; a brother, Daniel C. Kubacki of West Lawn, Pa.; and a grandson.

Burial with full military honors will be at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va. on July 27 at 9 a.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Irma Mihan

Irma Mihan, 91, of Princeton, died May 25 at Merwick Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Bremen, Germany, she emigrated to New York City in 1937. She moved to Princeton in 1941.

She was married to Eric P. Mihan Sr., founder of E.P.M. Steins and The English Shop, a Princeton business that opened its doors in 1951. She served as a Brownie and Girl Scout troop leader for several years in Princeton and was a member of the Princeton Lions Club Auxiliary and the Lioness Club.

During her life she volunteered almost 5700 hours over the course of 39 years at The Medical Center at Princeton, where she was instrumental in securing free valet parking for all UMCP volunteers. She continued to be an active hospital volunteer until April of this year. She was also a member of The Woman's Club of Princeton.

A longtime participant in Swedish Gymnastics at the Princeton YWCA, she completed the course for training instructors in Swedish Gymnastics in 1976, then taught exercise in the YWCA Vitality in Maturity program for senior citizens until her mid-eighties. A league bowler for over 50 years, she also earned numerous trophies, individually and with her teams. She continued to bowl through 2005. With her husband, she was a charter member of the Lutheran Church of the Messiah in Princeton, where she was an active congregant for 58 years and a longstanding member of the church choir and other church organizations.

Predeceased by her husband, she is survived by two sons, Eric of Oxford, Md. and Herbert of Waynesboro, Ga.; a daughter, Elisabeth Linda Louise Mihan of Princeton Junction; a sister, Lieselotte Rietdorf of Bremen, Germany; a brother, Harry Singer of Cherry Hill, N.J.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was May 30 at the Lutheran Church of the Messiah. Burial was in Princeton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements were by The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Linda R. Weathersby

Linda Rose Weathersby of Skillman died May 28 at home. She was the proprietor of Town and Country Interiors, LLC, an interior design firm in Skillman.

She was born in Easton, Pa. to Sadie Mae and Virgil Scherier. After her father died in 1961 her family moved to Indianapolis, where she lived until moving to Princeton in 1991. She formed Town and Country Interiors in 2000, providing interior design advice and services for private residences and public spaces including the First Church of Christ in Princeton.

A graduate of Lawrence High School in Indianapolis, she received her B.A. degree in political science from Indiana University, Bloomington, in 1970. While at Indiana University she was an active member of Chi Omega sorority. She married her husband, Dr. George Weathersby, in Indianapolis.

She was employed by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education as a research specialist before her marriage. She was an active parent volunteer at her children's schools, Park Tudor School in Indianapolis and Princeton Day School,, where she was co-chair of the annual auction.

She was an active member of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, serving on its board of directors, chairing several committees, and serving in its Nassau Street Reading Room.

She is survived by her husband, George; two children, Deborah J. Weathersby and Geoffrey B. Weathersby; and a sister, Deborah Milliser of Aurora, Colo.

A celebration of her life is scheduled for 5 p.m. Sunday, June 18 at the family home in Skillman.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, Mrs. Weathersby's passion for interior design and commitment to the history of Christian Science may be honored by a gift to the Longyear Museum Lynn and 400 Beacon Street Fund, 1125 Boylston Street, Chestnut Hill, Mass. 02467.

Edith C. McKay

Edith Caputo McKay, 85, a 16-year resident of Princeton, died May 28 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Brookline, Mass., she was the sixth of nine children, all of whom settled in the Boston area.

Eager to support the war effort after graduating from high school (all four of her brothers served in World War II), she worked for the First Service Command in Boston, transcribing dispatches from Europe and the Pacific, as well as the Office of Strategic Services in Washington, D.C. After the war, she joined the U.S. Department of Foreign Service, where she was assigned to an administrative position at the American Consulate in the French West Indies.

She moved to Manhattan in the late 1940s where she began a 15-year career with the United Nations, working primarily in the Department of Public Information. In Manhattan she met James McKay, a Brooklyn native and lawyer; they were married in 1955 and moved to Pearl River, N.Y. Following her husband's death in 1987, she realized a lifelong wish by moving to Princeton with her Welsh Corgi and Siamese cat.

She is survived by four children, James Jr. of Princeton, Ellyn of Takoma Park, Md., Thom of Summit, and Kathleen of Ossining, N.Y.; and four grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Dialysis Clinic, Inc., 117 North Center Drive, North Brunswick 01890, attn. Kathy Searson.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Gene H. Keller Sr.

Gene H. Keller Sr., 78, of Princeton, surrounded by his family, died June 3 at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital of complications from injuries sustained during a fall.

Born in Wauwatosa, Wis., he moved with his family in 1938 to Princeton, where he lived the remainder of his life.

He graduated from The Hun School in 1949 and attended Rutgers University.

He served his country twice, first in World War II with the Merchant Marines as a Lieutenant J.G. from 1945 to 1947, and again in the Korean War as a sergeant with the Air Force from 1950 to 1952.

In 1952, he started his own plumbing, heating, and air conditioning business which he ran for 35 years before turning it over to his son. He was the plumbing inspector for Princeton Township in the 1960s and the plumbing sub code official for Montgomery Township and Rocky Hill Borough from 1988 to 1999.

He was a life member and past trustee of the Montgomery Volunteer Fire Company No. 2, a member of the Princeton Elks Club, and a past president of the Princeton Scuba Club. He was also active with the Free and Accepted Masons, holding such positions as past master of Hopewell Lodge No. 155, past grand chaplain, past district deputy grand master 15th Masonic District, past trustee of Crescent Temple, past president of Princeton Shrine Club, and past member and district deputy grand master of the Scottish Rite.

He enjoyed talking with his family and friends, vacationing at the family summer cottages in Wisconsin, and doing woodworking and building projects. He constructed his family home more than 30 years ago.

He is survived by his wife of almost 53 years, LaFerne S. (Shirk) Keller; three children, Gene Jr. of Princeton, Patricia L. Keller of Holland, Pa,, and Jared of Lambertville; a brother, Dr. Erwin F. Keller of Davenport, Iowa; and two grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a Masonic Funeral and a Celebration of Life Ceremony at Blawenburg Reformed Church, County Highway Route 518, Blawenburg, this Saturday, June 17 at 11 a.m.

Arrangements are by the Wilson-Apple Funeral Home, Pennington. To send a condolence, visit www.wilsonapple.com.

Richard Pearson

Richard Pearson, 84, of East Hartland, Conn. and Red Lodge, Mont., formerly of Princeton, died June 2 at St. Francis Hospital in Hartford, Conn.

He had been a resident of Princeton from 1952 until 1992.

Born in New York City, the son of Earle and Nita Pearson, he attended New York City public schools, graduated from Yale University in 1942, and was the recipient of numerous honorary degrees.

A U.S. Army veteran of World War II, his service included work with the Army Air Force's Aviation Psychology Program, which was responsible for selection tests for pilots, bombardiers, and navigators.

After the war he began a career in educational testing, working for both the College Entrance Examination Board and Educational Testing Service, first in statistical analysis and later in the development of the Advanced Placement Program, culminating in his appointment as president of the College Board from 1965 to 1969. He later served as a consultant for the Ford Foundation in the Philippines. From 1970 to 1987 he served as Dean of Administration and as Dean of Planning and Development at John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York.

An active member of the Princeton community, he was a founding trustee of Mercer County Community College, serving as chairman of the board from 1968 to 1972; chairman and member of the board of trustees of Thomas Edison College from 1973 to 1979; and president and member of the Princeton Township Board of Education. He was also an elder at Nassau Presbyterian Church.

Predeceased by a son, Steven Avery Pearson, in 1974, he is survived by his wife, Janet; a son, Richard Jr. of Pinellas Park, Fla.; two daughters, Pamela Grossman of Lawrenceville and Susan Pearson of East Hartland, Conn.; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Burial will be at the East Hartland cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Simsbury United Methodist Church, 799 Hopmeadow Street, Simsbury, Conn.; or to the Palliative Care Program of St. Francis Hospital, c/o Geriatrics, 114 Woodland Street, Hartford, Conn. 06105; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Addendum
Albert E. Hinds

The front-page obituary for Albert E. Hinds that appeared in last week's newspaper (Town Topics, June 7) omitted the names of Mr. Hinds' survivors because the list had not been received from the funeral home at press time.

Those survivors are his daughter, Myrna Fuller; a step-son, Christopher Aldrich; a sister, Dorothy Hinds; a brother, Bedford Hinds; and many in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mr. Hinds was predeceased by three wives, Ethel Galbrith Hinds, Esther Augustine Hinds, and Inez Aldrich Hinds; his siblings Junius Hinds, Paul Hinds, Elsie Doleman, Myrtle Allman, and Violet Jones; and a stepson, Lee Aldrich.

Memorial donations may be sent to Talladega College, 627 West Battle Street, Talladega, Ala.; or to the Suzanne Patterson Senior Center, 45 Stockton Street, Princeton 08540; or to Princeton Hospice Care, 208 Bunn Drive, Princeton 08540.

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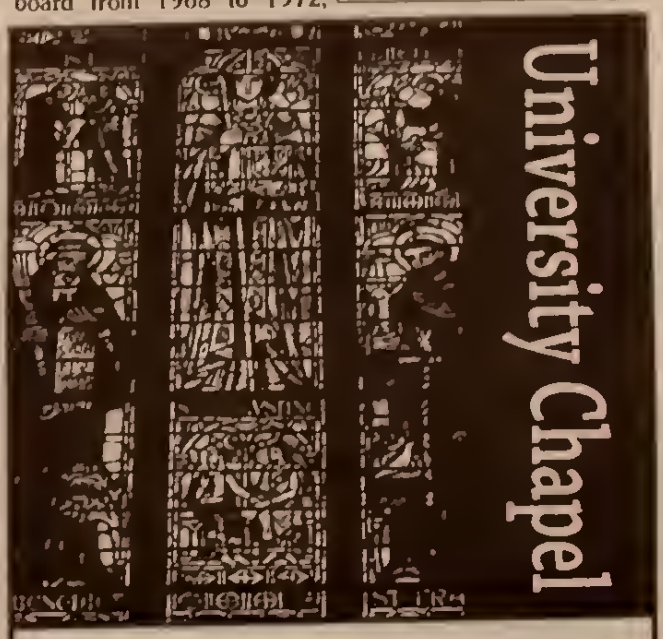

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William R. Breck

William Rogers Breck, 85, of Bryn Mawr, Pa., formerly of Princeton, died June 12.

Born in Rosemont, Pa. to Helen Park Breck and William Rogers Breck, the youngest of three children, he graduated from St. Georges School in Newport, R.I., and from Lehigh University in 1950 with a degree in political science.

An aircraft and model airplane enthusiast, he served in the Navy as an aircraft mechanic during the Second World War, stationed in Okinawa in 1945.

He worked in several advertising sales roles in New York, including The New York Times.

In 1963 he married Lydia C. Maxam of Rosemont. The family moved to Princeton in 1977, then back to Bryn Mawr in 2002.

He loved choral music, opera, and jazz, traveling to music festivals in Europe after the war. In Princeton, he sang with Princeton Pro Musica and as a baritone in the Trinity Church choir.

He is survived by his wife, Lydia; a son, Liam; a daughter, Lydia; and two grandchildren.

The funeral service will be Thursday, June 15 at 11:30 a.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Rosemont.

Opal A. Schrader

Opal A. Schrader, 100, of Danville, Pa., formerly of Princeton Junction, died June 10 at the Emmanuel Center For Nursing and Rehabilitation in Danville.

Born in Perth Amboy, she was a Princeton Junction resident from 1952 until 2003 before moving to Danville.

She was employed for several years as a secretary at Raritan Arsenal.

Daughter of the late Jacob and Anna Poulsen Anderson and wife of the late Howard E. Schrader, she is survived by a sister, Cynthia Metcalf of Riverside, Pa.

The funeral service will be today, June 14 at 11 a.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 177 Princeton-Hightstown Road, Princeton Junction. Burial will follow in Alpine Cemetery, Perth Amboy.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of The Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Kevin J. Fahey

Kevin J. Fahey, 46, a Princeton resident since 1995, died May 20 of injuries sustained in an automobile accident May 18.

Born and raised in Cleveland Heights, Ohio, he attended Yale University where he studied Political Science and was a member of the a cappella singing group, the Whiffenpoofs. After graduation, he worked as an advertising copywriter at Young & Rubicam Detroit, writing and producing campaigns for Lincoln-Mercury, Uniroyal, and Michigan Bell.

In 1990, he moved to New York City to join Young & Rubicam New York. A creative director with the agency, he spent many years overseeing work for AT&T, MetLife, Accenture, Jello, and Burger King, among others.

In Princeton, he was an active supporter of Princeton Youth Baseball, Princeton Girls Softball, and the Princeton Recreation Dillon Basketball leagues. A friendly presence on the sidelines, he had a knack for quickly learning the names of the young athletes and their parents.

Son of the late Patricia Rose O'Donnell and Robert J. Fahey, he is survived by his high school sweetheart and spouse, Anne Cowin Fahey; a son, Eamon; a daughter, Byrne; two sisters, Maureen Gaylord of Hilltown Township, Pa. and Colleen Rush of Port Washington, N.Y.; and three brothers, Brian of New York City, Sean of Carmel, Ind., and Darren of Streetsboro, Ohio.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, June 17 at The Art Directors Club, 106 West 29 Street, New York City.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to OxFam America, attn. Tribute Giving, 26 West Street, Boston, Mass. 02111-1206; or the to the Princeton YWCA, attn. Valley Road School, 59 Paul Robeson Place, Princeton 08540.

John L. Simon

John L. Simon, 59, of Princeton, died June 8 following a long illness.

Born in Bayonne, the son of Charlotte and Marvin Simon, he received a bachelor's degree from the University of Rochester and a master's degree in health services administration from Cornell University.

He was a recognized innovator and creative force in many areas of the healthcare industry. He served as a medic in the Army Reserve. Most recently he was president of the Keren Group, a health communication and medical marketing firm, where he advised clients on their strategic plans and developed programs for the improvement of employees' physical and professional well-being.

Before joining the Keren Group, he served as Director of Corporate Planning, Marketing, and Clinical Programs for several Johnson & Johnson companies. While at J&J in the early 1980s, he implemented a 10,000-woman clinical efficacy trial of an ultrasound breast scanner, which led to the device's introduction to domestic and international markets. He also served as an instructor in Community Medicine at the Georgetown University School of Medicine and as a Fellow in Preventative Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Previously, he was a program director at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. While in his early 20s, he was director of HMO operations at the Georgetown University Community Health Plan, one of the first HMOs in the United States.

Mr. Simon devoted his time to numerous service organizations. He was a past president of the New Jersey Chapter of the American Jewish Committee. As a member of the AJC's International Relations Committee in 1994, he pioneered its outreach programs in India. According to the organization's president, Pete Abrahams, Mr. Simon was among the first to realize the potential of Indian-Jewish, Indian-Israeli, and Indian-American relations in the years following the Cold War.

He is survived by a daughter, Julie; a brother, Richard; and two sisters, Maxine Simon and Barbra London.

A memorial service was held at Grounds for Sculpture on June 12.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Jewish Committee, 225 Millburn Avenue, Suite 301, Millburn, N.J. 07041.

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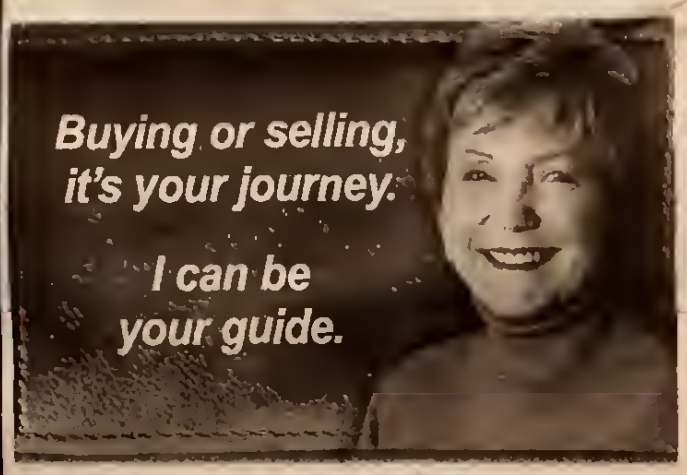

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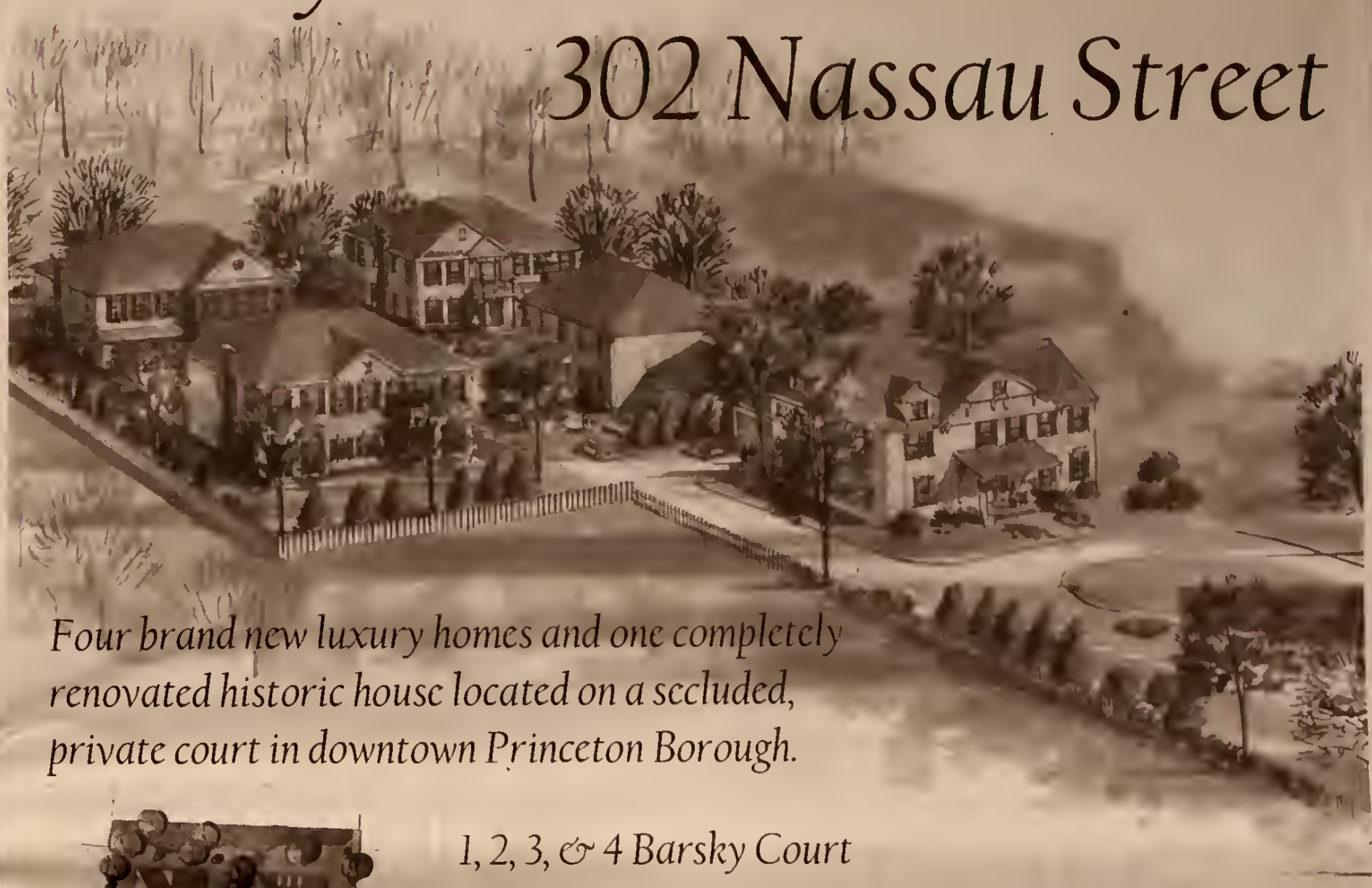

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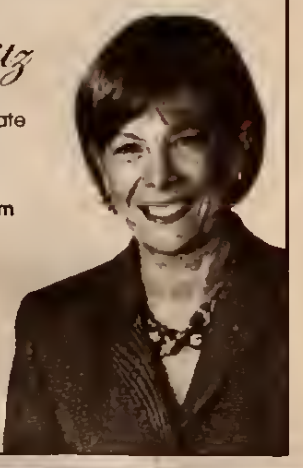

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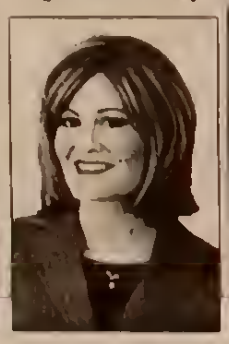

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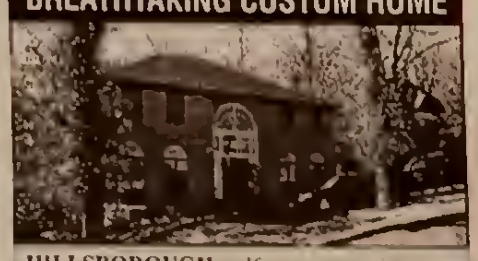

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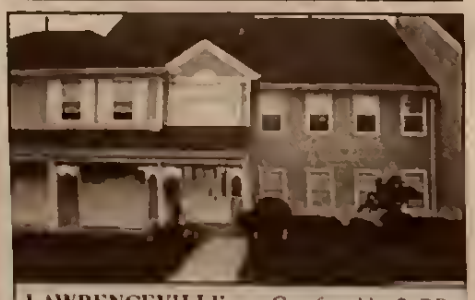

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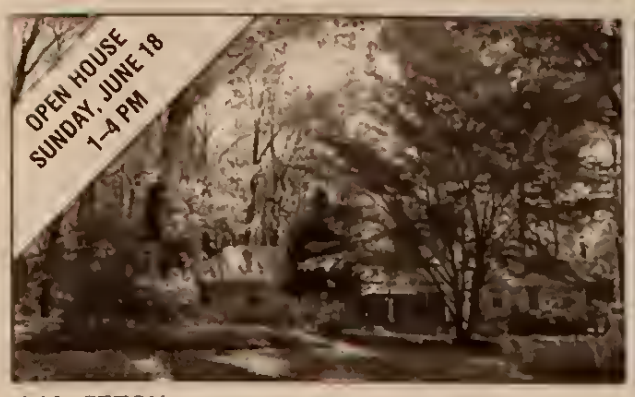

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- Clean antique glass with a very mild detergent. Never use amonia or Windex.
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- Make certain all art is framed with museum-quality materials.
- Glass or plexiglas must have ultra violet filters to protect against UV rays. Non-glare glass and plexiglas are available with these filters too.
- Use only archival acid-free matting and backing (including acid-free foamboard backing), which prevent deterioration and "burning" of the art.
- Use archival tape to line the inside of the frame to prevent deterioration and burning.
- Place very fragile items in a mylar envelope of archival quality and seal it before framing.
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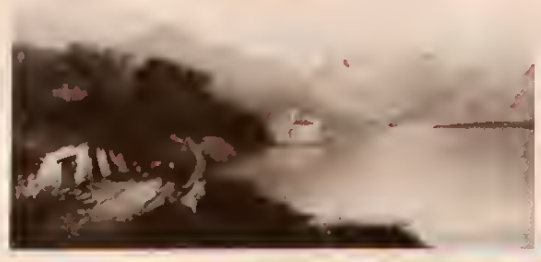

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Art and Antiques: Investments

If you are planning to invest in art and antiques, the best advice is to find a dealer you trust and follow the advice of an expert. This is crucial and can save newcomers to the world of art and antiques from making serious and expensive mistakes.

"The most important thing is to find someone you trust; whether it's for art, silver, or furniture, go to a reputable dealer," says Brian Gage of Brian Gage Antiques in Hopewell. "If you see something in a store that you like, bring in a trusted person to check it out to make sure it is the real thing."

Leo Arons, owner of The Gilded Lion in Princeton, agrees. "It is very important at the outset to work with someone who knows the business and will treat you fairly. For example, be sure to get a receipt that includes everything you were told verbally, especially the date and condition of the object. "

Mr. Arons, who is also an appraiser, notes that a second opinion is always valuable. "It's certainly not a bad idea to get another opinion, especially with respect to the age of a piece. A dealer should not be offended if you get an appraisal or another opinion.

On Approval

"Also," he adds, "if you are furnishing a home, try to purchase on approval to see how it fits in. In my opinion, a dealer should be comfortable with this."

Educating yourself and training your eye, whether for antiques or art, are very important, explain Mr. Arons and Mr. Gage. "Find out what you like — Chippendale, Queen Anne, Empire," says Mr. Gage. "Check books and go to shops to find the style you like. You can also go on-line to learn about antiques. Google it about styles and pricing. You can get a lot of information this way. You can also subcribe to auction catalogs from Sotheby's and Christy's for items you like, whether furniture, paintings, silver, watches, etc. Wrist watches are very popular right now."

"If you have the time, there are some good books, and courses are given, " adds Mr. Arons. "Investigate the area you are interested in. There are specialized books for furniture, art, silver, etc. A very good one on furniture is a 2-volume work, "American Antique Furniture" by Edgar G. Miller, Jr.

"The very best way of all, though, is to go to antique shops and look at the merchandise and ask many questions. A reputable dealer should be eager to answer your questions."

There is a steady demand for art at The Gilded Lion, especially American folk portraits and landscapes, says Mr. Arons. If you are just beginning to explore art, he recommends a trip to the museum. "When you are shopping for a painting, you can always go to the local museum and train your eye."

Both Mr. Arons and Mr. Gage, who buy and sell antiques, also offer antique art. For those making a serious investment, Mr. Gage points out that "Art is the smartest investment. Good American art has outpaced everything."

Good Advice

Abby Frantz, owner of the Hopewell Frame Shop in Hopewell, which offers custom framing and rotating art exhibits, stresses the importance of purchasing art that pleases you. "Always buy what you like; you'll be living with it a long time."

Much of the same good advice regarding antiques applies to the purchase of art as well. Educate yourself and deal with reputable galleries. "Visit galleries and train your eye, so you know what you like. Art is very subjective," points out custom framer Marc Udell, owner of Queenstown Gallery in Pennington. "Of course,

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In fact, adds Ms. Frantz, "Investment art should come with a set of credentials, a certificate of authenticity, and biography of the artist. There should be a trail of ownership, a provenance. Also, if you want to look into up-and-coming artists, there are galleries in the area that show the work of artists they have faith in, and also galleries that specialize in established artists whose work has been shown. It's good to familiarize yourself with different galleries."

Ms. Frantz offers the work of a number of area artists, including that of watercolorist Beatrice Bork. "She speicalizes in birds, and her work is superior. I believe she is up-and-coming," says Ms. Frantz.

Trying to determine which artist's work will stand the test of time is difficult, agree the experts. "You can check for information on artists on the internet," points out Jerry Lott, owner with his wife, Veronique A. Berger, of Montresor Visual Arts & Fast Frame in the Montgomery Center. "Many artists have their own websites now too. You can also contact art experts with specialties in certain areas, such as oils, etc."

Mr. Lott offers a caveat about the internet, however. "Keep in mind that the web has access to 256 colors. The human eye has access to millions of color nuances, and catalogs have access to thousands. it is better to see samples of work in catalogs than on the web for truer color."

Museum-Quality

He provides custom framing and art for sale at his store, and displays the work of several artists. Among them is Lesley Rainey from Ireland. "She is an up-and-coming artist, and we have her watercolors. We also carry the limited editions of Yann Le Francois, especially known for his waterscapes. The work of a local French artist, Agnes Seugnet, includes originals and limited editions in oil and pastel."

Framing art with museum-quality materials is crucial, point out all the professionals. "You want to euliance the piece with framing and matting," notes Marc Udell, who features photography as well as artwork in his gallery, and also schedules shows. "You frame it to the piece. Also, paintings of great value should be insured. Coverage is important because anything can happen."

"If it's investment art, it should command attention, and the framing should not be distracting," says Ms. Frantz. "it is acceptable, though, if you have a piece of a cetain period, to frame it in the style of that time period. It is very important to use archival quality materials with ultra violet filtered glass and acid-free matting. When I have a really special piece, I feel I am holding history in my hand!"

"The frame should both complement the art and draw attention to the art," adds Jerry Lott. "Everything we do is museum-quality."

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